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INDIA'S EXTERNAL DEBT AT $558.5 BN IN MARCH

India's external debt stood at $558.5 billion in March, an increase of $15.4 billion compared to the year-ago period, according to data from RBI. Commercial borrowings remained the largest component of external debt, with a share of 39.4%. Meanwhile, the output of eight core infrastructure industries contracted for the third month in a row by 23.4% in May, owing to the coronavirus-induced lockdown, official data showed | P12

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Sri B.S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Covid-19
- Do not travel unless it is an emergency
- Always wear Mask while stepping out. Wash Hands repeatedly
- If you have any symptoms like Cold, Cough, Fever or Breathlessness, ILI (Influenza like Illness)/ SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Infections)

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(Between 8.00 am and 9.00 pm)

HELP US TO HELP YOU AND SAVE LIVES

Beijing conveys strong concern over ban on 59 apps, pushes for upholding biz rights

Un-appy China calls Indian ban unfair, discriminatory

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

CHINA on Tuesday reacted sharply to India's decision to ban 59 Chinese apps and said it was "seriously concerned" about the Indian government's decision. "China is strongly concerned, and we are verifying the situation. India has a responsibility to uphold the rights of Chinese businesses," foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said.

Zhao's comments were followed by a statement that the Chinese embassy in New Delhi issued in the evening, which called the ban selective and discriminatory. Spokesperson Ji Rong said India's move "selectively and discriminatorily aims at Chinese apps on far-fetched and ambiguous grounds".

"It runs against fair and transparent procedure requirements, abuses national security exceptions, and suspects of violating the WTO rules. It also goes against the general trend of international trade and e-commerce, and is not conducive to consumer interests and the market competition in India," Ji said in the statement.

Meanwhile, Chinese Communist Party mouthpiece, *Global Times*, warned India of a 30% dip in bilateral trade due to the ban and dismissed the move as nonsensical. "While offering a lacklustre explanation for the nonsensical move, the Indian government has actually made its political crackdown on Chinese companies open and blatant," an article in the publication said.

The article went on to argue that it was difficult for India to turn nationalistic rhetoric into action. "There are no available and affordable alternatives to Chinese-made products such as smartphones, chemicals, automotive components and many other items," it claimed.

Criticising the ban, Ji said the apps had been operating strictly in accordance with Indian norms.

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Blocking of apps initiated; to be given hearing

A 'multi-level blocking of access' to 59 Chinese apps banned on Monday has already been initiated, according to government sources. Meanwhile, representatives of these mobile applications will also be allowed a hearing within 48 hours, where they can offer clarifications. The apps to be blocked include TikTok, Helo and Clash of Kings. P12

Troop build-up continues on both sides

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

ALTHOUGH Corps Commanders of India and China met on Tuesday to discuss ways to minimise tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh, additional troop mobilisation in the area continued.

An officer aware of the matter said, "They have deployed troops all along Ladakh and it is part of the agenda points between the two Corps Commanders."

The Indian delegation led by 14 Corps Commander Lt Gen Harinder Singh and China represented by South Xinjiang Military Division Corps Commander Major General Lin Liu met for the third time to thrash out details for de-escalation on the ground.

However, both sides continued to raise their troop strength.

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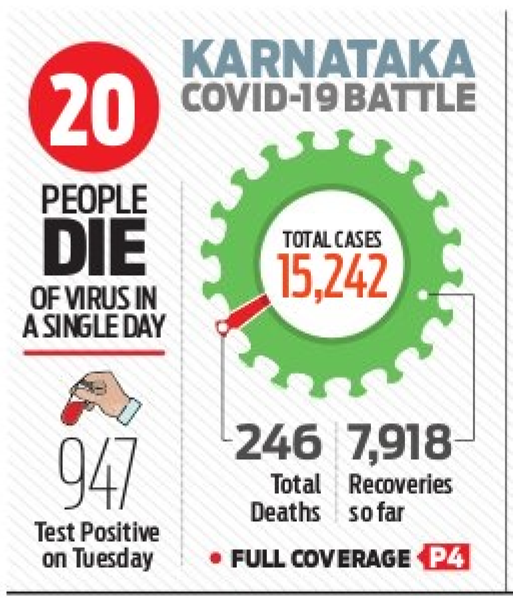

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Covid-19 Burials Go Viral: Bodies Dumped in Ballari Pit

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

THE Ballari district administration has ordered a probe into mishandling of the bodies of Covid-19 victims while burying them on the city's outskirts on Monday.

A video shows medical officers dumping the bodies of some of the dead into a pit after which it is filled with mud using an earthmover. The clip went viral on social media, inviting criticism from various quarters. Ballari DC S S Nakul on Tuesday apologised to the families of the deceased and assured action against the staff for the lapse. "It should not have happened. The incident is being probed," he told *TNIE*. P7

Free food grains for poor till Nov: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

WITH full economic normalcy nowhere in sight, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced the extension of the free food grains programme till November. By November, the scheme would have run for eight months at a cost of ₹1.50 lakh crore and covered 80 crore people. The PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana provides 5 kg wheat/rice and 1 kg chana (chickpea) per month to each family free of cost.

In his address to the nation, Modi also said the country is moving in the direction of "one nation, one ration card".

Curiously, the announcement came on a day when data released by the Controller General of Accounts showed an 8% drop in the government's major subsidy bill as of May, when compared to the same time last year. The big plunge was in food (11%) and petroleum (18%) subsidy.

Acknowledging the agrarian season and the onset of festivals, Modi reasoned that the expenditure of the people would also go up in the coming months. P10

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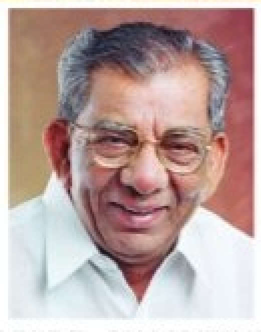
- Naturopathy and Yoga therapy
- Lithotripsy and Uro dynamics
- Laser Therapy
- Body Plethesmography
- Flexible Bronchoscopy
- Sleep Lab
- EEG, Nerve Conduction Studies Lab
- Molecular lab/RT-PCR lab
- Sweat test



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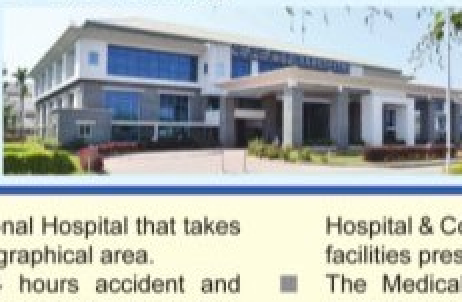

FEATURES

- The SSIMS & RC Educational Institution under the dynamic leadership of Mr. S.S. Mallikarjun, has established a 1000 bedded multi super speciality teaching hospital with state of the art infrastructure.
- SSIMS & RC is spread over an area of 130 acres The focus is always on providing students with an environment that helps learning and imbibing a positive value system This can be seen in the lush green surroundings The lack of any specialty hospitals in rural Davangere often had people going to Bangalore and Manipal seeking special treatment Also the NH4 passing by Davangere was the site of many traffic accidents, necessitating immediate medical care SSIMS & RC was set up with the vision of being a tertiary referral hospital, and a Central Regional Hospital that takes care of the medical needs of the geographical area.
- The Hospital is functioning with 24 hours accident and emergency services, out patient service in patient care wards, operative services, diagnostic laboratories, Radio Diagnosis, Pharmaceutical services and other support service.
- 3 Ambulances are fully equipped with ICU on wheels concept.
- Hospital is empaneled under various health schemes such as Ayushman Bharata Aroghya Karnataka Scheme, BSNL, ESI, TTK insurance Scheme, and Medi Assist With excellent teaching faculty and medical and Para Medical, staff, Hospital & College conforms to the norms and infrastructural facilities prescribed by Medical Council of India.
- The Medical school was established In August 2006 - With consensus and permission from State and central Government The Institute is affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and the Degrees awarded to students trained in the Institute are recognized by Medical Council of India, New Delhi.
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- SSIMS & RC has Auditorium of 350 capacity having push back seating arrangements and modem SSIMS & RC has four art of lecture theaters equipped with digital boards and audio-visual aids.
- The Service corridor is the backbone of SSIMS & RC Within it are located a fully stocked animal house, a power-house that supplies the entire hospital's electricity, a workshop for carrying out equipment repair and maintenance manifold rooms that supply gas and Oxygen, an A/C Plant and laundry service for both students and staff.

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ALMANAC TODAY
• **Wednesday** 01/07/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma
• **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Ekadashi 4:49 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Vishaka 2:34 am • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30pm
• **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN	MAX
22°C	27°C

FORECAST
Light showers. Mostly cloudy.

Sunrise	5.57 am
Sunset	6.49 pm
Moonrise	3.11 pm
Moonset	2.17 am

Rooms available, but no place for B'lureans

Scared of corona spread, locals, hotel and resort owners at holiday hotspots deny entry to tourists from city

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

BENGALUREANS are in a fix. Footloose city folk, aided by 'work from home' culture, are all ready to pack their bags, but find that they are not quite welcome.

Despite the government encouraging people to travel and revive tourism, many locals, hotel, resort and home stay owners at popular holiday destinations are denying entry to Bengalureans because of the sharp surge in Covid-19 cases in the State capital. This has left adventure and tour planners high and dry.

Since the last weekend, Bengaluru tourists hoping to take a break have been denied entry in Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Sakleshpur, Sagar and even some parts of Madikeri. Videos and photographs have also been doing the rounds on social media, of locals sending back tourists and shouting at them for their "irresponsible behaviour" during the pandemic.

Balaji D, an adventure trip organiser, told *TNIE*, "Bengalureans are eager to go on holiday, but are complaining that they are not getting accommodation anywhere. Bengaluru tourists are now being denied entry by locals even for day trips. This is only adding to the frustration of citizens."

Locals are denying entry fearing community spread. "Cases are rising and there is news of community spread. We stay in a small town where health facilities are limited. Tourists will come, spread the virus and go away, and we will suffer. So we don't want anyone to come here. We can bear some losses, but not compromise on the safety of our families and friends," said Pawan P, a hotelier from Chikkamagaluru.

Tourism Minister C T Ravi said the decision to restrict entry of people and tourism activities is taken by the local administration, based on the number of cases and ground scenario. He admitted to being aware of Bengaluru tourists being denied entry in Kodachadri and restricted in other places. He said things will ease gradually as cases reduce, and until then everyone should be cautious and wise.

Chikkamagaluru DC Bagadi Gautham issued an advisory on Monday to voluntarily cut down travel. He said this was issued after many tourists, including Bengalureans, were seen violating all norms.

'BBMP officials cooking up rules to help realtors'

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@Bengaluru

IN an attempt to waive taxes and favour some builders, BBMP officials of Yelahanka, East and other zones have quoted rules of the Karnataka Municipal Act which do not even exist, BJP councillor Padmanabha Reddy pointed out in the council of Tuesday.

Citing the example of East West Hotel judgement, in Yelahanka, the councilor said that the BBMP officials waived taxes of Rs 251 crore from eight hotels, by quoting KMC Act 108 (A)-14-E. There is no such clause in the law.

This revelation caught Mayor M Goutham Kumar and BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar by surprise, and made the two top heads of the corporation search through the papers submitted to the council and the KMC rule book.

After a thorough scan of the rule book, the Commissioner admitted that there is no such rule and that it was an error by the officials.

Some councillors tried to brush aside the issue, stating that it could be a typo, but Reddy countered that the same documents were submitted to the courts too and so there could not be any errors. He also pointed out that another BBMP official in Bommanahalli used another rule of the KMC Act to help the tax violators.

Admitting the lapses, the Mayor ordered for a detailed report and investigation.

KILLING CORONAVIRUS COVID-19
SELF LOCKDOWN
BASAVANAGUDI
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SHUTTING OUT COVID

Several stores on DVG Road in Basavanagudi voluntarily downed their shutters on Tuesday. The shops will stay closed till July 7 as part of efforts to stymie the spread of Covid-19 and ensure public safety | **VINOD KUMAR T**

EXPRESS READ

IIM-B think-tank lecture on July 10

The Centre for Public Policy, IIM-B will host its 2nd Foundation Day lecture titled 'The Centre Cannot Hold' on July 10. Chairman of the Governing Council of MICA Tridip Suhrud, who is also the professor and provost of CEPT University and the director of Lalbhai Dalpatbhai Institute of Indology, Ahmedabad, will examine the relevance of Gandhi's Hind Swaraj, the concept of decentralisation and local self-governance, said an advisory. Suhrud created the world's largest digital archive on Gandhi and is compiling unpublished correspondence to Gandhi. Registration at https://iim-b.zoom.us/j/93917142710 ENS

LOST IN TRANSPORTATION

Mustering centre for migrants lacks basic facilities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE mustering centre for migrants at Tripura Vasini on Palace Grounds is poorly equipped, putting those who gather there for Shramik trains to much hardship and stress, said NGOs working with them.

Briefing media on Tuesday, Madhu Bhushan of 'Bangalore With Migrants', a coalition of volunteers and organisations, said that on Monday, over 3,000 migrants had gathered there before boarding their train, but found a complete lack of facilities. "The whole system has collapsed. Migrants were told to gather but there was no one to help them," she said.

Aditi Chanchani, a volunteer, said, "Around 130 women garment employees from Electronics City were brought here on Monday by their HR head to send them to their hometowns. However, seeing the facilities, those who didn't travel yesterday were taken back to their workplace." There are no basic facilities, including privacy for women, she added.

NGOs called up police and BBMP officials, following which Joint Commissioner (West) N Chidananda reached by 7.30pm. "His stand was that medical tests and data entry were enough for migrants. They were put on buses and taken to the railway station without even bus tickets being given," she said.

The original plan was to stop running Shramik trains by June 24. "Due to pressure from migrants and a court order, trains have started running again. However, a certain number of passengers is necessary. Nodal officer for migrants Manjunath Prasad was to come out with the new government order on Shramik trains on Monday, but we are still waiting for the order," she said. However, the situation improved on Tuesday, Chanchani added. A group of autorickshaw drivers helped the migrants with forms and other queries, she said.

Vendors to govt: Give laptops to our kids or stop online classes

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

UNION'S DEMANDS

- Referring to the Kerala model, members urged the govt to impart education via television as most households or their neighbours have a TV set
- Govt must take care of fees for the upcoming academic year
- Govt should provide laptops and data packs to children
- Online education be suspended at least up to Class VIII
- Constitute an expert committee to form a comprehensive policy on education which addresses concerns of parents and all stakeholders in the society

"IF my husband and I stay at home to monitor my daughter's online class, who will sell the wares?" asks Shanthi, a street vendor in Jayanagar.

"Sales have not picked up even after the lockdown has been lifted — there is a general fear of spread of the virus," she says.

The Bengaluru Street Vendors' Union has urged the government to either temporarily stop online education or provide laptops to their children. It has written to the government's expert committee for guidelines on online education.

While some street hawkers have managed a smartphone for their children's education, they have to still compromise on the education when there is more than one child at home needing to attend online classes simultaneously, according to the union.

As pending rents accumulate, and buyers for their wares remain elusive, education of the next generation looks like a trade-off for vendors. The online fees and recurrent data recharge is a huge financial burden on them.

Yet, a major fear among the community is that immature children would divert from studies and resort to playing games or watching other programmes on the internet.

Most hawkers, who are digitally illiterate, said they cannot resolve issues on Zoom app, a popular medium for online classroom now. Vendors found themselves at a loss when their children turn to them to get their doubts cleared. They fear their children would fall behind their classmates in studies.

The union, representing around 1.5 lakh street vendors in Bengaluru, pointed out that some vendors have even alleged that a few schools had collected money for Android tablets for its students. However, there has been no response from those schools since then.

SLUM DWELLERS' CONCERNS

Slum Janandolana-Karnataka, a forum that bats for slum dwellers, has written to the government seeking suspension of online education as it said slum dwellers cannot afford it. The forum said around one crore people live in at least 2,850 slums across the state and of them, 31% constitute children below 15 years. About 76% of these children are students in government schools while the rest barely manage to get higher education. Arranging laptops or smart phones and internet data packs for children is out of question for many parents as most of them aren't even able to make ends meet in these tough times of Covid-19 pandemic, it said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

01st July : Astronomers have invented something called 'mirror matter'. That comes on top of 'dark matter' and 'anti-matter'. It's all to do with the way in which particles of matter spin and, if you think that the universe is growing weirder by the day, then I agree with you. The amazing thing is, though, we don't even understand how our consciousness works.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
For the third day running the Moon is making supportive alignments, which should surely be cause for rejoicing. It is important, by the way, not to blame other people, but to acknowledge your own role in causing certain difficulties or awkward situations.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You may feel slightly resentful at the apparent ease with which other people are able to exploit you or treat you like part of the furniture. However, one way to fit in is to go along with the trend and be charitable, recognising the ways in which you can help strangers.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Your new planetary developments are generally favourable. Perhaps you will now have a bit of time to stop, think and separate the lies from the truth. Someone has certainly been spinning a line, even though they probably believe every word of it.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
If you're a true Cancerian, you should come out from under your stone and head for the number one job. Forget past embarrassments and realise that everyone makes mistakes, not just you! You should also try to convince a friend or loved one that your feelings are genuine.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's good to give up when you are ahead. In view of current developments, you should look at whatever area of life is doing very well and do what you can to maintain your current position while beginning to put your energy elsewhere. Your timing must be perfect!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It would do you a power of good if you got your financial situation on a proper footing. There will be suggestions and schemes coming up over the next year which require an injection of cash, and it will obviously be very useful if you are solvent.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You may be puzzling over a mystery, or perhaps straining to keep a secret. My advice would be to maintain discretion for a little while longer, perhaps until the weekend. This shouldn't inhibit you from doing what you know to be right, or from setting a good example.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Just a quick word about your physical well-being: it looks as if you may be overdoing it. Indeed, some of you have already overdone it, so take as much rest and relaxation as you need to get back on course. You really should maintain a balance between competing pressures.

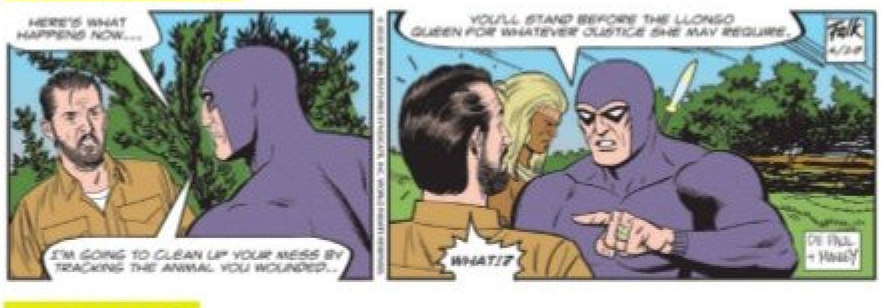
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There is so much planetary activity aligned with ambitious regions of your chart that you might now expect to receive public acclaim. But for what? All the signs are that your skills as an entertainer may soon be most admired, perhaps to your surprise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There are no signs that your chart is any less sensitive than before. Neither are you about to become any less assertive. What you must learn now is the art of avoiding banana skins. On a more mundane note, you can draw various domestic threads together, today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You can't always be putting yourself under pressure to get things done, and in many ways this is a day to relax and take stock. At home help may come from a surprising source, while at work an employer may hold out the prospect of increased money or status - but will the price be worth it?

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The whole range of personal affairs and relationships is now up for re-consideration. Partly, this is because certain irritating and unsettling alignments are now moving on, but also because you are about to extend your social net. New friends are bound to change the way you think.

THE PHANTOM


HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS NOW....
I'M GOING TO CLEAN UP YOUR MESS BY TRACKING THE ANIMAL YOU WOUNDED...
YOU'LL STAND BEFORE THE LLONGO QUEEN FOR WHATEVER JUSTICE SHE MAY REQUIRE.
WHAT!?
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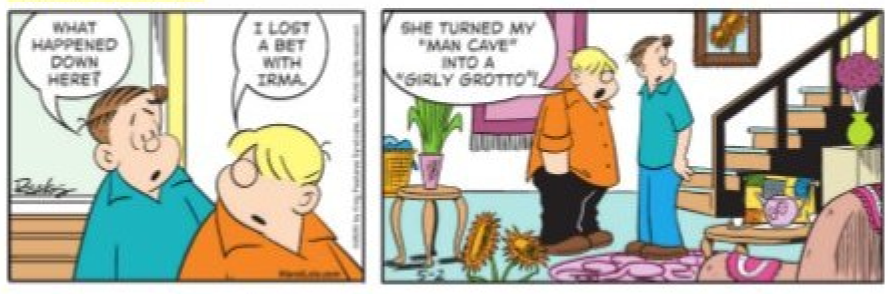
HI AND LOIS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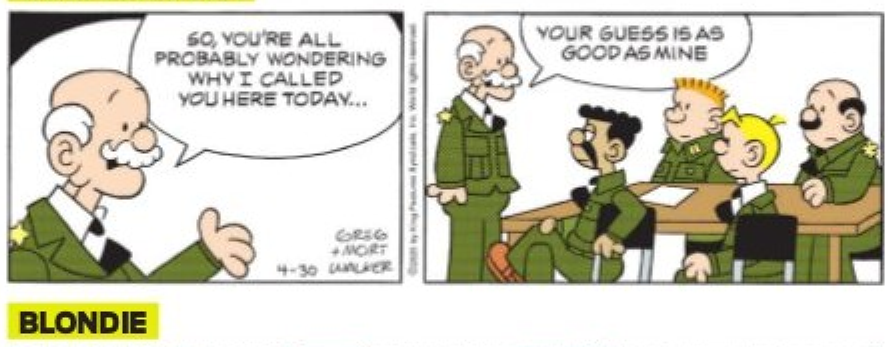
I LOST A BET WITH IRMA.
SHE TURNED MY "MAN CAVE" INTO A "GIRLY GROTTO"!

BEETLE BAILEY


SO, YOU'RE ALL PROBABLY WONDERING WHY I CALLED YOU HERE TODAY...
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE
GREG + MORT WALKER
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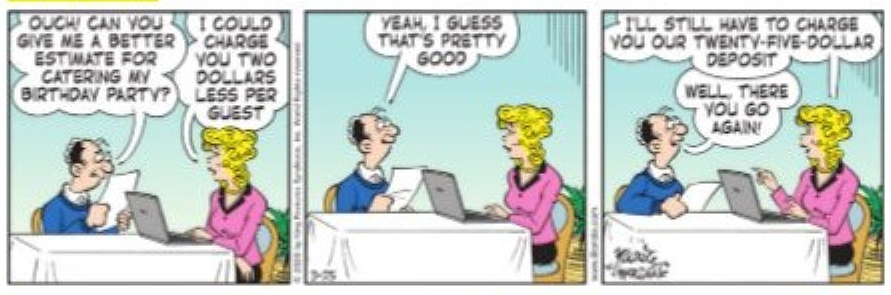
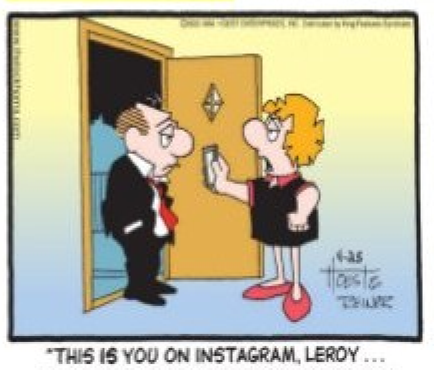
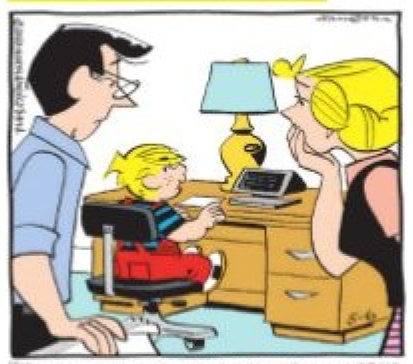

OUCH! CAN YOU GIVE ME A BETTER ESTIMATE FOR CATERING MY BIRTHDAY PARTY?
I COULD CHARGE YOU TWO DOLLARS LESS PER GUEST
YEAH, I GUESS THAT'S PRETTY GOOD
I'LL STILL HAVE TO CHARGE YOU OUR TWENTY-FIVE-DOLLAR DEPOSIT
WELL, THERE YOU GO AGAIN!

LOCKHORNS



"THIS IS YOU ON INSTAGRAM, LEROY ... I'M NOT BUYING YOUR DEEPFAKE STORY."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"NO NEED TO TELL ME WHERE BABIES COME FROM ...I ALREADY ASKED ALEXA."

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

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EVIL

- **Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.**
- **Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.**

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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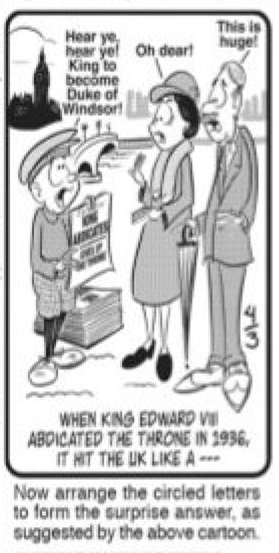
Hear ye, hear ye! King to become Duke of Windsor!
Oh dear!
This is huge!
WHEN KING EDWARD VIII ABDICATED THE THRONE IN 1936, IT HIT THE UK LIKE A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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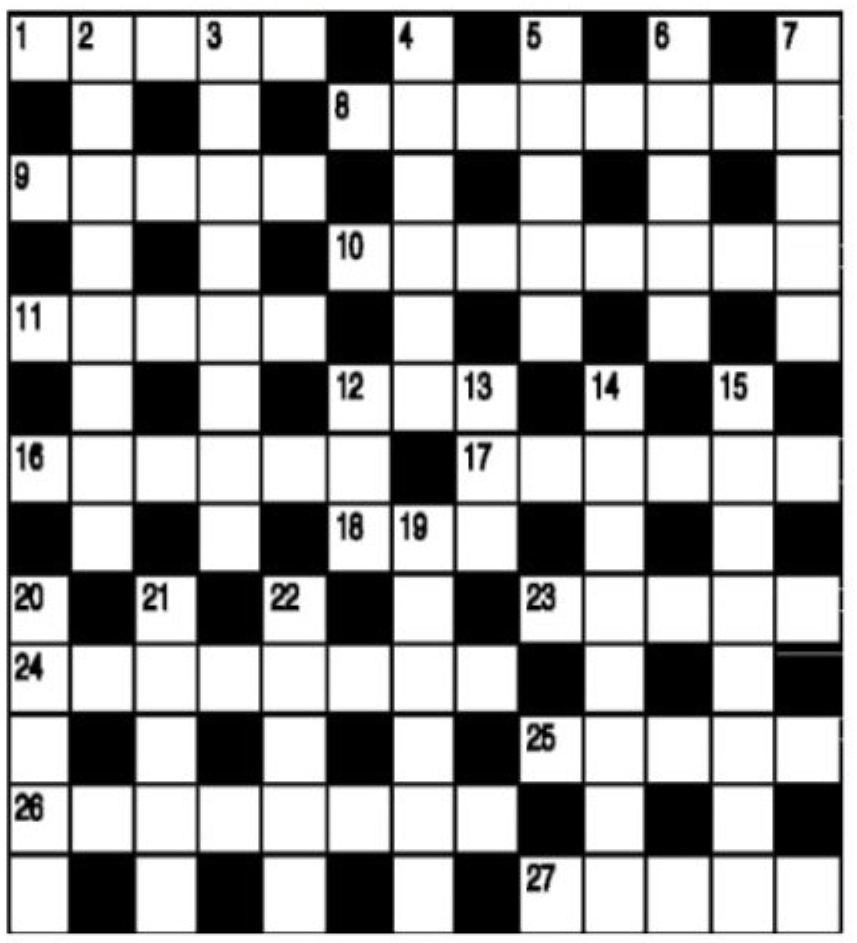
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: BASIC TARDY CANOPY GOSSIP
Answer: The owner of the old Swedish car was telling the mechanic his — "SAAB" STORY

CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Sign he has dropped out of the race (5)
8 Allow a penalty, perhaps (8)
9 Miss a blank space (5)
10 An office in which little or no work gets done (8)
11 Tough fibre a girl is in (5)
12 Undermine vitality (3)
16 Maintain there's somebody in the beer (6)
17 Not any sort of companion for Cleopatra (6)
18 A small court of law (3)
23 Sole piano pieces containing runs (5)
24 It's taken as a medicine, not a diet properly (8)
25 Fireside game? (5)
26 Calling for employment (8)
27 Condition no true anarchist will accept (5)

DOWN
2 The militant's first summons (8)
3 A teach-in arranged for brewers? (5,3)
4 French sailor goes over a yachting centre (6)
5 The bill he'd received was painful (5)
6 Less in sum perhaps (5)
7 It's all over a point in the revised deed (5)
12 To the southeast there's a large stretch of water (3)
13 Exactly right name for man or woman (3)
14 Didn't sit inside and was conspicuous (5,3)
15 You won't care if you lose it (8)
19 A kind of lemon tonic mixture is about right (6)
20 Draw a hole (5)
21 Handle the company's capital (5)
22 Revises information about diets (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Cantilever, 6 Oral, 10 Alibi, 11 Pull it off, 12 Methinks, 13 Knelt, 15 Heedful, 17 Saracen, 19 Wash-out, 21 Sadiron, 22 Heart, 24 Eviction, 27 Freighter, 28 Drama, 29 Tots, 30 Neapolitan.

Down: 1 Clap, 2 Noiseless, 3 Irish, 4 Empanel, 5 Enlists, 7 Rhone, 8 Life tenant, 9 Tinkered, 14 Chew the fat, 16 Frontage, 18 Cormorant, 20 Trestle, 21 Stirrup, 23 Agent, 25 Tidal, 26 Warn.

PRATIJNA DINA

New **Vision,** New **Direction,** New **Karnataka**

With your blessings, Shri D K Shivakumar is taking charge as President of Karnataka Pradesh Congress. Lakhs of Congress workers from every Gram Panchayat, Municipal & Corporation Wards will be reading the preamble of the Constitution and taking the Congress pledge.

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COVID-19

TRACKING COVID-19

Staffers of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Departments, who are retiring within the next four months, have been given an extension of their service till December 31, 2020, owing to the pandemic.

235 NEW RECOVERIES

7,918 TOTAL RECOVERED

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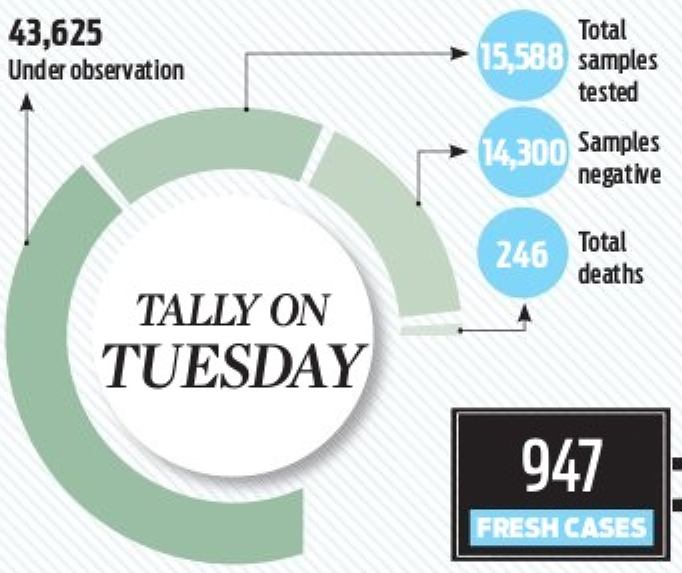
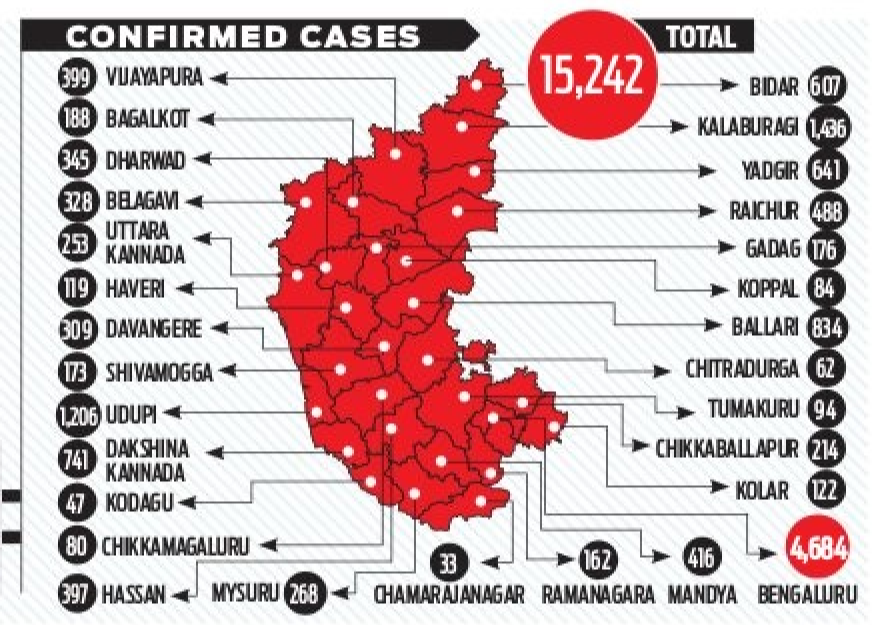
104 Arogya Sahayavani will function too



947 FRESH CASES



District	Cases
VIJAYAPURA	399
BAGALKOT	188
DHARWAD	345
BELAGAVI	328
UTTARA KANNADA	253
HAVERI	119
DAVANGERE	309
SHIVAMOGGA	173
UDUPI	1,206
DAKSHINA KANNADA	741
KODAGU	47
CHIKKAMAGALURU	80
HASSAN	397
MYSURU	268
CHAMARAJANAGAR	33
RAMANAGARA	162
MANDYA	416
BENGALURU	4,684
BIDAR	607
KALABURAGI	1,436
YADGIR	641
RAICHUR	488
GADAG	176
KOPPAL	84
BALLARI	834
CHITRADURGA	62
TUMAKURU	94
CHIKKABALLAPUR	214
KOLAR	122

COVID WATCH

32 BMTC employees add to Covid count

As many as 32 employees of Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation have tested Covid positive in the last three months. Four new cases were reported on Tuesday alone and another four on Monday. However, of the total, 12 have been discharged. The corporation has decided to send employees aged above 50 and those who have serious ailments, on leave. As on Tuesday, 15 of the cases reported were employees above 50 years old. Those with breathing problems, heart-related issues, diabetes, and kidney problems can avail of leaves. "It has been decided not to utilise the services of these employees," the corporation said in a circular issued on Monday. **ENS**

High Court cancels physical hearing

A few hours after the Karnataka HC announced the closure of its principal bench on Tuesday for sanitising the court complex, it issued a notice cancelling physical hearing of cases. "Covid cases are multiplying in the city. Considering the safety of Bar members and Court staffers, physical hearing of cases at the principal bench stand cancelled till further notice," said Rajendra Badamikar, HC Registrar General. He said benches that are already notified for hearing of urgent matters through video-conferencing will function, while benches at Dharwad and Kalaburagi will function normally.

Judge's kin quarantined

Reports of a senior sitting High Court judge's family member testing positive along with some domestic helps created tension in the HC on Tuesday. It is said that the judge's family is likely to be moved to Kumara Krupa guesthouse. Two senior bureaucrats were also quarantined at the guesthouse after a senior officer attended a meeting after a swab test. **ENS**

Swabs of Covid suspects collected at BIMS Hospital, Belagavi on Tuesday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

State to conduct sero-survey in B'luru, Udupi

After pilot study, entire Karnataka to be covered; to begin by July 15

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

3ON the lines of the ICMR sero-survey done across the country, the Karnataka Health and Family Welfare Department too is planning a similar sero-survey across the state, starting with Bengaluru and Udupi. The proposal put forth by the Covid-19 technical advisory committee has been accepted by the state government.

"The survey will cover specific sample sizes and include high-risk, medium-risk and low-risk groups. It will gauge the prevalence or spread of coronavirus in the state. After the pilot in Bengaluru and Udupi, we will expand it to the whole state. We wanted to start it from July beginning, but now we expect to start it around July 15. We will have to procure both rapid antibody test and RT-PCR kits for it," said Dr Prakash B G, joint director, communicable diseases, Health and Family Welfare department.

Dr Pradeep, an epidemiologist from the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, who is part of the COVID-19 expert committee advising the state government, explained the benefits of doing the sero-survey. "It will help us gauge if community transmission is happening. It will also help us look at the preparedness to deal with the pandemic. Another advantage is that it will help us evaluate our earlier estimates of how many cases we can expect in the coming months. It can help us detect hidden transmission as well," he said.

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>
> Dr Pradeep, epidemiologist, NIMHANS

"We are looking at three different groups. Low-risk refers to someone who is at home always, such as pregnant women, elderly, etc. High-risk is frontline workers in healthcare, police force, etc. Moderate risk is those in public places, like vendors, hawkers and salesmen in markets," he added.

The ICMR sero-survey was done by the central government in Bengaluru, Chitradurga and Kalaburagi in May-end. It revealed that in Bengaluru and Kalaburgi, 0.25% of the surveyed population showed evidence of past exposure to SARS-CoV-2 . For 83 districts surveyed across the country, the exposure rate was 0.73%.

Specialists to go on e-rounds in govt hospitals

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THE state government has roped in specialists from private hospitals to treat high-risk cases at designated government hospitals, with the state recording a shocking 8.5% average daily increase in cases.

From Wednesday, specialists from Narayana Health (NH) will join the effort to treat patients at Victoria Hospital, Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases through "e-rounds."

Specialists from Manipal Hospitals and Columbia Asia Hospitals are already assisting the government doctors in other parts of the state. Doctors from Columbia Asia have been working with their counterparts at government hospitals in Bengaluru for the past three days.

Senior citizens, children below 10 years, and those with comorbidities, tested positive, are categorised as high-risk cases who require higher attention from specialists. Senior IAS officer Dr Trilok Chandra, who heads the Covid-19 Critical Care Support Committee, and his team are closely monitoring the treatment of high-risk cases. Of 5,512 such cases, 1,639 have been discharged after treatment, while 3,694 are being treated.

Explaining the concept of "e-rounds" or virtual consultations, Dr Chandra said depending on a specific case, a cardiologist, intensivist, nephrologists or a pulmonologist will discuss details with doctors treating them at government hospitals and if required, suggest modifications in treatment or drugs. NH specialists will be on 'e-rounds' twice a day and, along with government doctors, they will closely monitor the course of treatment and patient's condition to ensure early recovery, the officer said.

Unlike in Tele-ICU facility that has been set up in hospitals in Kalaburagi, during 'e-rounds', the specialists will not get live feeds from hospitals, but details about patients' condition and treatment. However, in cases where specialists need to see patients to assess their condition, the hospitals will send them video footage.

While late reporting has been one of the main reasons for the increase in mortality rate among Covid cases, 'e-rounds' by specialists are likely to help pool in expertise and utilise all available resources in the fight against the pandemic.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa at a meeting with representatives of private medical colleges in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Private medical colleges to assign 4.5K beds for Covid-19 treatment

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

IN its efforts to scale up facilities for Covid treatment, the Karnataka Government on Tuesday struck a deal with private medical colleges to set aside 4,500 beds. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa chaired a meeting with representatives of 11 private medical colleges in Bengaluru.

Apart from 2,000 beds at three government medical colleges in Bengaluru already earmarked for Covid-19 treatment, private medical colleges have agreed to set aside 4,500 more beds in a phased manner within a week. These will be allocated to patients through the BBMP's centralised system. As a token of its appreciation, the government has agreed to cover private doctors and paramedics involved in the treatment of Covid-19 patients under the insurance and compensation umbrella, which is currently limited only to government doctors and other frontline workers.

"Private medical colleges have agreed to give us more than 50 per cent of their beds and this will add 4,500 beds more for Covid-19 treatment. Without exception, they have offered to support us. We have agreed to extend benefits like insurance and compensation to doctors and paramedics from the private sector too," the CM announced after the meeting. He added that doctors in private clinics have also come forward to offer their services through telemedicine.

The medical colleges were asked to take over hotels nearby, if need be, and convert them into Covid-19 facilities to ensure other patients or students are not affected. The cost of renting such facilities will be borne by the patients. Post-graduate students and paramedical staff of private hospitals will also be deputed to treat and monitor asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic patients in Covid care centres.

"In all, 6,500 beds will be reserved for Covid-19 patients in the city's 11 private and three government medical colleges. College administration representatives have promised to provide 2,000 beds immediately and another 4,500 beds will be added within a week," said Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

Tuesday was the minister's first day back at work after completion of his voluntary isolation after his family members tested positive. After a separate meeting with representatives of private medical colleges, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar suggested that there may be some changes in treatment protocols.

Not sheepish op: Samples of animals drawn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tumakuru

NOT quite looking sheepish, the authorities, in all seriousness, drew the throat and blood samples of the goats and sheep that were grazed by a shepherd, who tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday.

Like in the case of humans, the expert team followed all precautions and wore PPE suits before visiting Jakkanahalli near Tiptur where the animals were taken by the patient's relative to be looked after.

The samples will be sent to the Animal Disease Investigation Laboratory in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Until the test reports arrive in 10-15 days, the suspected animals will be under 'quarantine'.

Led by Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Department K G Nandeesh, Dr Praveen and Dr Manjunath collected the samples.

Interestingly, about 50 of the animals originally taken for grazing by the patient were asymptomatic, whereas those that had grazed alongside were symptomatic.

"But the symptoms might be due to some other disease and chances of animals contracting Covid-19 are rare. Only the tests will ascertain the presence of the virus," Nandeesh said.

About 100 sheep and goats are affected and their culling has been stopped until further notice.

Veterinary experts draw the throat swab of a goat that belongs to a Covid patient in Tumakuru | EXPRESS

High Court premises being sanitised in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

At 20, state sees highest death count in a day

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BENGALURU Urban district continued to be on top of the list, reporting 503 Covid-19 positive cases on Tuesday. Alarmingly, for majority of the cases, contact tracing was still under progress.

Overall, the state recorded 947 cases, taking the tally to 15,242.The state also saw the highest number of Covid deaths for a single day at 20, rising the toll to 246. Of them, 13 were SARI cases, four ILI cases, two contacts of previous patients and one with a travel history to Saudi Arabia. Ballari reported five deaths, while Bengaluru Urban four.

Ballari district recorded 61 positive cases for the day, Haveri 49 cases, Dakshina Kannada 44, Uttara Kannada 40, Vijayapura 39, Shivamogga 22, Bengaluru Rural 21, Bidar and Dharwad 17 each, Hassan 16, Kalaburagi and Raichur 15 each, Chikkaballapur 13, Davanagere and Ramnagara 12 each, Chikkamagaluru 10, Udupi and Mysuru nine each, Bagalkot and Kodagu four each, Kolar and Chitradurga three each, Yadgir, Mandya, Belagavi and Gadag two each, and Tumakuru one case.

Meanwhile, the state saw 235 discharges, taking the total number of cured to 7,918.

Rush for beds: BBMP chief blames pvt labs

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PEOPLE have been forced to wait for long to get beds because of the negligence of private laboratories. So now the government has issued directions to them to first upload the details of Covid-19 positives on the ICMR portal, and not give it directly to patients, said BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar on Tuesday.

He said unlike government hospitals, where all the details of positive patients are first uploaded on the ICMR website, private laboratories were first informing patients, who would then rush to hospitals and not get proper timely medical attention.

"Directions have been issued that data must be put on the portal and we (government agencies) will pick up the patients within six hours and based on their condition, we will send them to either designated hospitals or Covid Care Centres. To ensure there is no shortage of beds, positive, asymptomatic and healthy patients, will be quarantined in CCCs, but those with co-morbidities and severe health conditions will be sent to hospitals. Information on beds is also being streamlined and monitored by the control room," he added.

He was addressing the BBMP Council meeting, where questions on the lack of facilities were raised. The Commissioner said that families were refusing to accept the Covid-19 deceased. To give the deceased due farewell, two hearses equipped with four PPEs for families have been arranged.

Mayor M Goutham Kumar asked the Commissioner to publish the list of officials in charge of each zone, ward, ambulance, hospitals, where people can call for help or when they need to notigy a positive case.

Students from Bangalore University vacate the hostel after authorities decided to turn the premises into a Covid centre on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

COSTLY CURE

Burden too high, pvt hospitals charging exorbitantly: Patients

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FINANCIAL distress has been one of the biggest impacts of the Covid-induced lockdown. Coronavirus patients find it difficult to bear the burden at private hospitals as the costs are exorbitant and even if they have the insurance, they are not sure how much of the treatment cost is covered.

For Raji (name changed), a pre-school owner, whose business has been drastically hit by the lockdown, the news of her husband, a cycle store owner, testing positive only increased her family's hardship. Currently being treated at a private hospital as they could not find space in a government hospital, they had to pay up ₹38,000 upfront to even admit him.

"The bill is ₹1,78,000 for 10 days which is too expensive, and I am still not sure how much of it will be covered by the insurance. Depending on the treatment and the patient's condition, the bill varies. If the government cannot provide beds at their own hospitals, they should allow asymptomatic patients to be home quarantined as we cannot afford this bill," Raji said. While she has to pay her pre-school staff full salaries with PF and ESI benefits, the couple has a home loan to repay as well.

Sushma (name changed), a Covid patient being treated at a private hospital, is one of the luckier ones as her company's health insurance firm has agreed to bear the cost up to a certain amount. But it is still a costly affair, she said.

"As I have mild symptoms, I am staying in a twin-sharing room without oxygen or ventilator, which comes to ₹12,000-₹14,000 per day. For 10 days, the total bill could go up to ₹1.40 lakh. I am privileged enough to have an insurance cover, but what about others who do not," she asked.

Dr Roohi, a member of NGO Mercy Mission, who was trying to help a Covid patient, said a private hospital quoted ₹50,000 per day for general ward and ₹90,000 per day for the ICU.

Last week, the government capped rates at private hospitals for cash patients per day at ₹10,000 for general ward, ₹12,000 for high-dependency unit, ₹15,000 for isolation ICU without ventilator and ₹25,000 for an Isolation ICU with ventilator.

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BENGALURU

Man dies as car rams parapet wall A man died after his car rammed the parapet wall of a flyover in Hebbal on Monday night. Nishchay (27) and his friends were heading home when he lost control over the vehicle and hit the parapet, police said. His friends sustained injuries. Nishchay died on the way to the hospital.

DEBT BURDEN

3 of family end lives

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THREE of a family, including a woman, allegedly killed themselves by hanging in their house in Yelahanka on Monday.

The deceased, Munivenkatappa (56), his wife Nagaveni (50), and their eldest son Ravi Kumar (27), were residents of Anandapura. Police said the younger son, who was away from home, found their bodies on his return.

Investigations revealed that Munivenkatappa was working as a real estate agent. The family had ₹27 lakh in debt which they were unable to repay. So they took their own lives.

It is also alleged that some of the financiers threatened the family. A case of unnatural death has been registered and further investigations are on.

If you are having suicidal thoughts or are in emotional distress. Help is available. You can get in touch with the SAHAI helpline at 080-25497777,

EXPRESS READ

Stadium blast case: 2 IM men get 8-yr jail term

Bengaluru: Indian Mujahideen operatives, Gayur Ahmed Jamali and Aftab Alam alias Farooq, convicted in the Chinnaswamy Stadium blast case, were awarded a eight-year jail term and fined Rs 4 lakh each. The duo had pleaded guilty before the Special NIA Court, which pronounced the quantum of punishment on Tuesday. However, the prosecution is contemplating challenging the judgment in the Karnataka HC, seeking more rigorous sentence. **ENS**

Hope on curfew, Sunday lockdown to bring down Covid numbers

Through July, state will shut at 8pm; 5-day work week for govt offices; schools to remain closed

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

Following a seal down, KR Market continues to wear a deserted look | PANDARINATH B

THE Central government may have reduced night curfew hours, limiting it from 10pm to 5am starting July 1, as part of Unlock 2.0, but in Karnataka, curfew will begin two hours early.

The State government on Tuesday released guidelines for Unlock 2.0, that will be in force till July 31. Following a resurgence in the number of Covid-19 cases, the Karnataka government has decided to extend night curfew and impose restrictions on movement between 8pm and 5am. The government has also re-introduced 'Sunday lockdown' for the next four Sundays, till August 2. Essential activities, however, will not be affected either by the night curfew or Sunday lockdown.

"Movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 8pm and 5am throughout the State, except for essential activities, including operation of industrial units in multiple shifts, movement of persons and goods on national and state highways, major district roads, loading and unloading of cargo and travel of persons to their destinations after disembarking from buses, trains and airplanes," said the order issued by Karnataka Chief Secretary T M Vijaya Bhaskar, listing out exemptions during night curfew.

The order allows for pre-fixed events like marriages etc to be exempted, with restrictions, from Sunday curfew. Starting July 10, all government offices, boards and corporations, except those operating and maintaining essential services, will have a 5-day work week till the second week of August 2020.

TIGHTER UNLOCKING
- Night curfew: 8pm to 5am
- Sunday lockdown till Aug 2
- 5-day work week for govt employees till mid-Aug
- Metro, swimming pools, theatres, schools, colleges shut
- Large gatherings prohibited
- Continued use of masks, sanitiser
- Ensuring of social distancing
- Use of Aarogya Setu app encouraged

In keeping with the Centre's directions, Karnataka too has issued orders prohibiting schools, colleges and educational institutions, except for online and distance education classes, Metro Rail, opening of cinema halls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, entertainment parks, auditoriums, theatres, bars, assembly halls, etc. Social, political, religious, entertainment, sports or any large gatherings continue to be prohibited.

Training institutions of the State and Central government, however, will be allowed to function post July 15, with specific SOP (standard operating procedures). Lockdown will be implemented in full force in containment zones and movement of people will be allowed only for medical emergencies or to facilitate supply of essentials.

There will be neither restrictions nor necessity to acquire passes or permissions for interstate and intrastate travel, but registration on Seva Sindhu portal and quarantine norms continue to be mandatory for interstate and international travellers. Movement of Shramik trains and regular modes of transport will continue, but with restrictions.

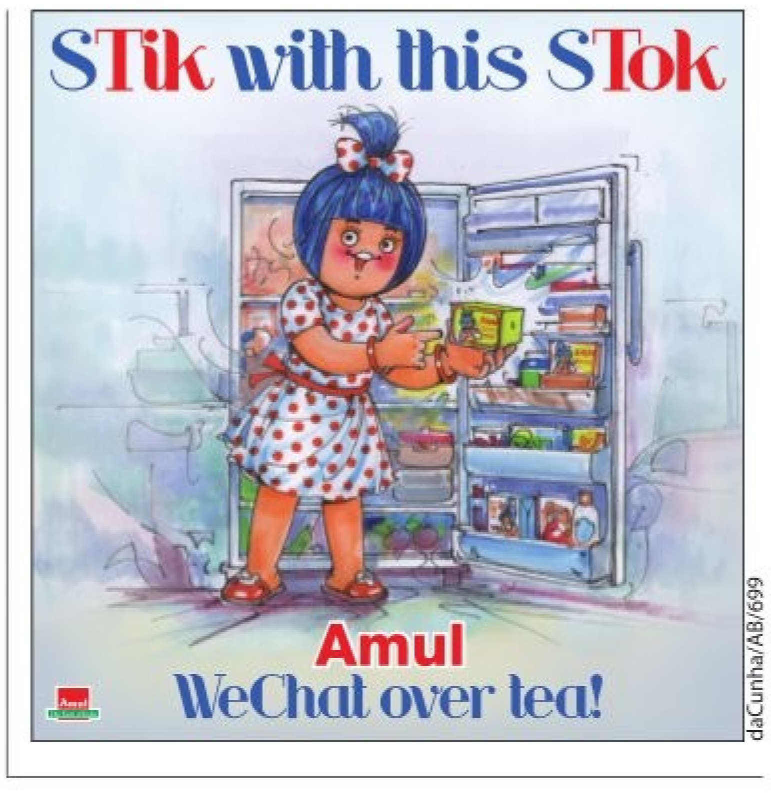
BJP minister for sealing Hirekerur

ENS @Bengaluru

AFTER JDS and Congress, now even the BJP is requesting the State government, which it heads, for a seal down. Agriculture Minister BC Patil has made an appeal to the government for a complete seal down of Hirekerur taluk in Haveri district as the number of Covid-19 cases is increasing.

In a video, Patil said the virus is spreading across the country and it looks like it has entered the community transmission stage. "There are many cases in Hirekerur, with numerous being reported from Guddadamaadapura, Suttukote, Noolkere, Maasuru, Ramatheertha and other parts of the taluk... Therefore, there is a need for seal down,'' he said.

However, many Congress and JDS MLAs have been asking the government for a complete lockdown in the state. Earlier, leader of opposition Siddaramiah had said when lockdown was announced for the first time, government failed to take measures. It failed to utilise the time. Now, the lockdown is needed again," he had tweeted. Adding to this, former CM HD Kumaraswamy too demanded a lockdown.



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PAC puts health officials on the mat over pandemic

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Members of the State Legislature's Public Accounts Committee, led by chairman H K Patil of Congress, took health officials to task over 'poor' Covid management, at a meeting in Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday.

When the PAC asked them why more than 25,000 test results had not been announced even after a week, the health officials did not seem to have any answer.

The PAC members asked the health officials to respond to their May 19 notice, pointing to lapses in purchases and other issues, but the officials said they needed 15 more days. The members said they will not give even 15 minutes. Then, the officials asked for time till Monday.

On bathroom and toilet facilities, the officials said patients have one toilet per head. Then, the PAC sarcastically asked, "How is it in your house, Mr Officer."

Former speaker K R Ramesh Kumar of Congress, a member, was upset that the body of a citizen from his constituency had not been handed over to his family even after five-six days. But the officials gave vague replies.

Ravi Subramanya of BJP asked how many ambulances were available. When told it was 100 at one per ward, he was shocked. The authorities immediately corrected themselves. H D Revanna (JDS) whose security personnel tested positive did not turn up for the PAC.

HC to MHA: Restore pension of centenarian

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THE High Court came to the rescue of a centenarian freedom fighter by directing the Union Ministry of Home to restore the release of the 'Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension' to him, which was stopped for non-submission of life certificate. Disposing the petition filed by H Nagabhushana Rao (100) from Malleswaram, Justice P S Dinesh Kumar passed the order.

The petitioner moved the court seeking directions to the state government to consider the communication dated March 4, issued by the MHA to conduct an inquiry regarding the present status of the petitioner and submit the report. The MHA stated that the pension of the petitioner was cancelled for non-submission of life certificate.

During the hearing, government advocate Prathima Honnapur, submitted that the report had been submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

C Shashikantha, Assistant Solicitor-General, submitted that he was not aware if the report submitted to the court on June 23, has been forwarded to the Central government. He said once the report is received, the Centre will pass orders in accordance with law.

Taking note of it, the judge said, "The report by the Centre has been forwarded to the MHA."

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that client **SRIRAM REDDY, S/o MUNISWAMY REDDY** age about 60 years Residing at No.98, 7th Cross, 3rd Phase JP Nagar, Bangalore-560078 has lost following documents while shifting house

a) Original **Sale Deed dated 29.04.1991 document No.458/1991-92 executed by one Smt Neelamma w/o. Muni Reddy representing as GPA Holder of Mr. Mohan In favour of Smt. Balamma.**

In this regard my client had already lodged a police complaint **dated 29.6.2020** before the The Before **HSR LAYOUT Police Station**, Bangalore. Hence, the general public are hereby informed /notified that any person or persons find the same. They can contact undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication.

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If anyone having Claim, right over the **Schedule Property** may intimate the same to the undersigned within 15 Days failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant **Site No:63/A**, Katha No:339, Assessment 23P, Site carved in Sy No: 37/1 and 36/2 with vide conversion order for Non-Agricultural residing purpose vide conversion order No.ALN SR 25/1990-91 dated 21.12.1990,issued by the Thasildar Hoskote, Bangalore Rural District, and the Schedule Property is situated at situated at Devalapura Village, Anugondanahalli hobli, Hoskotte Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East To West 15 North To South 40 in all **600 sq feet.**, And bounded on:

East by : Site No:62,
West by : Site No. 63/B,
North by : 25 feet Road,
South by : Site No:72

B.B.Sudhir & S.U. Aiyappa, Advocates.
No:334, 09th Main,14th Cross, Indiranagar,
Bangalore-560038. Mob: 98450 22593

GROUND WATER DIRECTORATE

(Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department), Office of the Directorate, No. 49,
Khanija Bhavana, South Block, Race Course Road,
Bengaluru - 560 001. Phone No: 080-22268732
e-mail: gwdkar@gmail.com

No: GWD/ABHY/WFM/13/2020-21 **Date: 29.06.2020**

CORRIGENDUM CUM SHORT TERM TENDER INVITING NOTICE

The Calendar of events of the Tender notification for Procurement of **"1199 Nos. Water Flow Meters"** for Atal Bhujal Yojan vide tender invited notice Dtd: 08.06.2020 has been postponed due to Technical Reasons through this corrigendum cum short term tender inviting notice. The tender documents can be downloaded from the e-portal from **21.07.2020 at 13:00 hrs.** and the Last date for submission of e-tender is **30.07.2020 at 17:00 hrs.**

Sd/-
Tender Inviting Authority
SPMU, ABHY, Bengaluru.

DIPR/DDU/439/MAA Comm/2020-21

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THE NANDI SAHAKARI SAKKARE KARKHANE NIYAMIT, KRISHNANAGAR

POST: HOSUR-586113 TQ : BABALESHWAR DIST:VIJAYAPUR, KARNATAKA STATE
E-mail:nandisugar1982@gmail.com Tel. No. 08355-280015

No:NSSK/EST/Interview/349/2020-21 Date:30-06-2020

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Applications are invited for the following post from eligible candidates.

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No of Post	Qualification and Experience
01	Deputy General Manager(Process)	01	B.Sc., AVSI/ANSI having 10 Years experience as Chief Chemist or Deputy General Manager (Process) in Sugar Industry.

Interested candidates may apply along with full bio-date within 10 days from the date of this publication. Salary is negotiable, The date of Interview will be intimated separately.

Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
(P.B.KALAGI)	(H.R.BIRADAR)	(SHASHIKANTGOUD B. PATIL)
MANAGING DIRECTOR	VICE CHAIRMAN	CHAIRMAN

Indian Bank

Corporate Office: Estate Department
Tel: 044 – 2813 4305, 4401, 4306, 4498

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Asst. General Manager (P&E)

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my client's (1) Sri. Narayanappa S/o Yellappa, (2) Smt. Shyla W/o Y. Narayanappa, (3) Kum. Kusuma D/o Y.Narayanappa, (4) Kum. Priyanka D/o Y.Narayanappa, residing at Gangaluru Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District are the owners and in possession of the land bearing Sy.No.51/2 measuring to an extent of 1 acre, situated at Ganagalur Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, have entered into an Agreement of sale dated:15/6/2019 with Lakshmamma W/o Kumar, Valepura Village, Varthur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk by conveying the property for the valuable sale consideration of Rs.1,02,00,000/- to her and she has paid the advance of Rs.2,00,000/- by way of cash and Rs. 20,00,000/- by way of Cheque and agreed to get the sale deed after paying the, balance sale consideration of Rs.80,00,000/-. The cheque issued by Lakshmamma has been dishonoured as insufficient funds. Inspite of repeated requests by my clients, she has not come forward to pay the cheque amount and get the sale deed and pay the balance sale consideration. Hence, my clients have got issued the Notice dated: 7/2/2020 and got cancelled the Agreement of Sale dated: 15/6/2019.

THEREFORE, it is hereby informed to the public for not deal with Smt. Lakshmamma in respect of the above property. If any person/s enter into any transaction with her or already entered into any transaction in respect of the above said property, the same will be on their own and my clients will not be responsible for such transactions.

K.V. SUBRAMANI, Advocate
No. 462/1-35, Sri Sai Arcade,
IIIrd floor, 12th cross, 8th main, Wilson
Garden BENGALURU-560 027.
Contact: 98458 27601 Date: 30.6.2020

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General

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited
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Advt. No. 3/2020 (R&P)

Maharatna ONGC looking for General Manager (Logistics) – Aviation at E6 level

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), a **"Maharatna"** Public Sector Enterprise, is the largest Crude Oil and Natural Gas Company in India, contributing around 75% to Indian domestic production.

We are looking for experienced Executive to join the organization as **General Manager (Logistics) – Aviation** to handle Offshore Helicopter Operations of ONGC at E6 level in the Pay Scale of Rs. 1,20,000 – 2,80,000/-.

We provide best in class exposure to our employees in terms of Technology, Pay & Allowances, Career Growth and Professional & Personal Development Opportunities.

The details of the post are available in Advt. No. 3/2020 (R&P), posted at **www.ongcindia.com**.The candidate can apply through email in the application format attached with detail advertisement at **www.ongcindia.com**.

Candidates are also advised not to respond to unscrupulous advertisements appearing in any News Paper. For authenticity of any advertisement the candidate may check on ONGC's website **www.ongcindia.com**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH(SARB), BENGALURU

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: **Smt.Saly Joseph, Chief Manager**
e -mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in,
Mobile No: 9008523422
Land Line No. (Office): 080-25943663/64

Address of the Branch:
Building No.11/90, III Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre
J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002
Contact: CCO: **Shri. S. S. Chandrashekhar,**
Mb : 9480811732, Tel:080-2594-3678/3663
e-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

APPENDIX- IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
E-AUCTION ON 18.07.2020
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets (excluding movable assets, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagors in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.71,50,196/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Six Only)** as on **31.05.2020** and further interest at contractual rate from **01.06.2020** with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India from Borrowers/Mortgagors, **(1) Smt. Uma Bhaskar** W/o. Sri P Bhaskar **and (2) Ms. Nerosha B.,** D/o. Sri. Bhaskar P.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), bid increment amount, time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.36,00,000/-	Rs.3,60,000/-	Rs.50,000/-	2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	On or before 16.07.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No. SBI/SARB/5652/2020-21/578:

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Khata No.347, Sy. No.1/07, carved out of converted land bearing Sy. No. 1/7 measuring 8 Guntas or 8712 Sq. Feet, converted from Agricultural purpose to Non-agricultural vide Official Memorandum bearing No.A.L.N.(E) SR (KH) 06/2013-14 dated 07.08.2013, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Sonnathamanahalli village @ ThambuchettyPalya, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: Sri J Balappa's Property, West by: Land of Sri M S Jacob, North by: Land of Sri Jayarama Reddy, South by: Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 312 Sq. ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: Residential Flat bearing No.201 in Second Floor, measuring 1055 Sq. feet. Super Built up Area, containing Two Bed Rooms, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Aluminum Windows, together with One Covered Car Parking Space along with proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Lift and Staircase contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property known as **'S M SILVER OAK'**, standing in the joint names of **Smt. Uma Bhaskar and Ms. Nerosha B** vide Sale Deed dated 18.03.2016 and registered as Document No.BNS-1-18849/2015-16 and CD No.BNSD420 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Shivaji Nagar (Banasawadi), Bengaluru.

Reserve Price: Rs.36,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.3,60,000/-**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J. C. Road, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., www.tenderwizard.com/SBIEAUCTIONS and www.sbi.co.in

Date: 30.06.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorized Officer

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Educational

HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU
Melukavumattom P.O - 686652, Kottayam, Kerala, Phone: 04822-219014

Applications are invited for the following post of Assistant Professor in Henry Baker College, Melukavu.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR 27.06.2020

Physical Education: 1 No. (Open)

Qualification: 1) Masters Degree in the Concerned Subject with at least 55% marks and pass in National Eligibility Test by the UGC or its equivalent. Apply within 30 days from the date of notification. Application forms and other details can be had from the college office on payment of Rs. 1000/- or by post on sending a D.D. For Rs. 1050/- in favour of Principal, Henry Baker Collge, Melukavu Payable at Melukavumattom along with self-addressed envelope. The appointment will be subject to the rules and regulations of UGC, Govt of Kerala and Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

Sd/-, Principal

General

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(An autonomous body set up by Reserve Bank of India, Central Financial Institutions and Public Sector Banks)

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COMMON RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF OFFICERS (SCALE-I, II & III) AND OFFICE ASSISTANT (MULTIPURPOSE) IN REGIONAL RURAL BANKS (RRBs) - CRP RRBs IX

The online examinations for the next Common Recruitment Process for RRBs (CRP RRBs IX) for recruitment of Group "A"-Officers (Scale-I, II & III) and Group "B"-Office Assistant (Multipurpose) will be conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) tentatively in September and October/November 2020. The interviews for recruitment of Group "A"- Officers (Scale-I, II & III) under the same process will be coordinated by the Nodal Regional Rural Banks with the help of NABARD and IBPS in consultation with appropriate authority tentatively in the month of November 2020. Candidates, intending to apply for CRP RRBs – IX should ensure that they fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria on the stipulated date as specified in the detailed notification issued and hosted on authorised website by IBPS.

Activity	Tentative Dates
On-line registration including Edit/ Modification of Application & Payment of Application Fees/Intimation Charges	**01.07.2020 to 21.07.2020**
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training (PET)*	24.08.2020 to 29.08.2020
Online Examination – Preliminary	September / October, 2020
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	October, 2020
Online Examination – Main / Single	October/November, 2020

* In case it is possible and safe to hold PET

Candidates are advised to regularly keep in touch with the authorised IBPS website www.ibps.in for details and updates. **Before registering online candidates are advised to read the detailed notification and follow the instructions mentioned therein.**

Mumbai
Date: 01.07.2020 **Director**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have negotiated and intended to purchase the schedule property from its owners **Sri. D.H.Ramanjinappa @ D.H.Dhruva Ramanji** S/o Late Dodda Hanumanthappa residing at No. 305, Maheshwara Nilaya, Kalkere village, Horamavu post, Bengaluru-560113, Sri Pramod. V S/o R. Venu residing at No. 651, Maheshwara Nilaya, Evergreen layout, Hennur main road, Bairathi, Bengaluru-560077, Sri. Yeshwanth. S S/o R. Subramanya residing at Bagalur village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk and agreement holder Sri. R. Raju S/o M. Ramachandrappa residing at No. 706, 4th A Cross, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Bengaluru-560043. Hence, anybody having any claims over the schedule property or objections for the said purchase are hereby called upon to lodge their claims and objections in writing along with documentary proof in support of their claims and objections with the under signed within **Seven days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant property bearing **site No.48, formed in property No.386, comes within the BBMP limits, ward No.26,** measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 80 Feet, in total measuring about 4000 Square Feet, situated at **Kalkere village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk,** being bounded on the

East by: Site No.49, **West by:** Site No.47,
North by: Site No.51 and **South by:** Road.

D. V. SADASHIVA REDDY, Advocate,
No.1, 1st Floor, 10th Cross, Cubbonpet,
Bengaluru- 560002. Mob. 9980139569
Place : Bengaluru, Dated : 30.06.2020

Union Bank of India

E-Auction Notice

Sale for below mentioned vehicle in our below mentioned branch

180/1B, Vellore Trunk Road, Vengikkal - 606604, Thiruvannamalai.
Phone: 04175-232632 | 232292 Email: cb387@unionbankofindia.com

Class of Vehicle:LMV Car - Indigenous
Maker's Name:Audi, Model:AUDI Q7 35 TDI,
Colour: Orca Black;
Month & Year of Manufacture:06/2015
Registration No:KA 51 MJ 8118
Engine No:CRC206213
Chassis No: WAUZAF4L6FY000474
Cubic Capacity:2967 CC
belonging to
M/s.Ayon Global Education Services Pvt Ltd
Rep. by its Directors 1. V Sanjay 2.Karthik Narayanan
Guarantors: 1.V. Sanjay S/o Vijayan 2. Karthik Narayanan

E-Auction Date : 17-07-2020
Time : 10.30a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Reserve Price : Rs. 45.00 lakhs
EMD Amount Rs. 4.5 lakhs
Increment Value Rs. 25,000.00

The intending purchaser / bidder is required to submit of EMD and last date for submission of EMD & online e-bid form on or before **16-07-2020 5.00 p.m.** and register their name at **www.matexauctions.com** and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on E-Auction from contact M/s Matex Net Pvt Ltd Tel: 080-42440600 Name of the Contact Person : Mr.Santhosh KP Mob:8939805544,), Email id:- solutions@matexnet.com / santhoshkp@matexnet.com

Date : 26-06-2020 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Vengikal Union Bank of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, M.V Asha, W/o B.V Prakash, R/at No. 568, 9th D Main, 8th Cross, Hampi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 040, I have lost below mentioned original sale deed/mother deed document pertaining to property bearing PID No. 34-50-21, situated at No.1616, 4th A Cross Road, 6th Main Road, R.P.C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 040. In this regard police complaint also registered before Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police.

1. Original Registered sale deed/Mother deed dated 29.04.2006 executed by K.M Shivanna represented by Bangalore Development authority as Deputy Secretary - 3 in favour of Siddaiah S/o Adivinayaka registered document bearing No. BDA-1-00528-2006-07, C.D No. BDAD108, Book-I, Volume 528, pages 1 to 7, situated at No.1616, 4th A Cross Road, 6th Main Road, R.P.C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 040.

If anybody found this document please contact me on 9902320931 or Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police.

HARISHA A.S, Advocate

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No.Mech - TPJ - SBDVM - 02-20-21
Dated : 18-05-2020
CORRIGENDUM FOR CANCELLATION OF TENDER

The tender inviting bids for the work of "On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) in Train Nos.22604/22603 in between VM-KGP-VM section, 22606/22605 in between VM-PRR-VM section, 16855/16856 in between VM-MAQ-VM section, 16857/16858 in between VM-MAQ-VM section, 16861/16862 in between VM-CAPE-VM section, 16864/16863 in between VM-BGKT-VM section and 16796/16795 in between VM-MS-VM section for 4 years, Mechanized Cleaning of Coaches maintained in VM pit line for 4 years, PFTR attention of trains at PF/VM for 4 years, Watering of pass through trains at PF/VM for 4 years and Cleaning of pit lines, Coaching yard, Service buildings at Villupuram Coaching Depot/Station and Collection of garbage and scrap from work areas and disposal of the same from depot for a period of 4 years under single SBD contract" vide **Tender Notice No.Mech-TPJ-SBDVM-02-20-21 dated 18-05-2020 which was scheduled to open on 10-07-2020 is hereby CANCELLED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS.**

The corrigendum for Cancellation of this tender is also available on website **www.ireps.gov.in**.

DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER (Mechanical), Tiruchchirappalli - 1.

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RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

Annexure - I

Proforma 10-01

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted sections of the Southern Railway that the 25,000 Volt 50 Hz, ac. Overhead Traction Wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the Overhead Traction line shall be treated as "LIVE" at all times and no unauthorised person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead lines.

Section	Date
Cuddalore Port Jn. - Vriddhachalam Jn.	10-09-2020
Nidamangalam Jn. - Mannargudi	10-09-2020
Vriddhachalam - Salem Jn.	10-12-2020
Madurai Jn. - Manamadurai Jn.	10-12-2020
Manamadurai Jn. - Mandapam	10-03-2021
Virudunagar Jn. - Tiruchchirappalli Jn.	10-02-2021

CHIEF PROJECT DIRECTOR,
Railway Electrification, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

INTRODUCTION OF ac 25 kV TRACTION

Annexure - II

Proforma 10-02

"WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the public that in connection with introduction of 25 kV ac electric traction on and from the dates mentioned against the following Sections of Southern Railway, height gauges have been erected at all the Level Crossings with clear height between 4.76 m. and 4.78 m. above road level with a view to prevent Loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to "LIVE" Traction Wires. (contact wire), which shall be at a height of minimum 5.5 m. above the rail level at level crossings.

Section	Date
Cuddalore Port Jn. - Vriddhachalam Jn.	10-09-2020
Nidamangalam Jn. - Mannargudi	10-09-2020
Vriddhachalam - Salem Jn.	10-12-2020
Madurai Jn. - Manamadurai Jn.	10-12-2020
Manamadurai Jn. - Mandapam	10-03-2021
Virudunagar Jn. - Tiruchchirappalli Jn.	10-02-2021

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading Vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road Vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.

The Dangers of a Load of Excessive Height are as follows:

i) Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the Road as well as the Railway line.
ii) Danger to the materials or equipments carried or the Vehicle itself.
iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductor.

No.ETR /252/RE /2449
Date : 29-06-2020

CHIEF PROJECT DIRECTOR,
Railway Electrification, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

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GROUND WATER DIRECTORATE

(Minor Irrigation and Groundwater Development Department)
Office of the Director, No.49, Khanija Bhavana, South Block, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001, Phone : 080-22238732 e-mail: gwdkar@gmail.com

No.:GWD/ABHY/DWLR/08/2017-18 Date:29.06.2020

CORRIGENDUM CUM SHORT TERM TENDER INVITING – PACKAGE-1

The calendar of events of the tender notification for providing and installation of **Digital Water Level Recorder (DWLR) with Telemetry System For Real Time Ground Water Data Acquisition from the observation wells of GWD** for Atal Bhujal Yojan vide tender invited notice Dtd:19.05.2020 has been postponed due to Technical reason through this corrigendum cum short term tender inviting notice. The tender documents can be downloaded from e-portal from Dtd: 21.07.2020 at 13:00 Hrs and Last date for submission of e-tender is 30.07.2020 at 17:00Hrs.

Sd/-
Tender Inviting authority SPMU, ABHY
Bangalore

DIPR/DDU/431/2020-21

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
Head Office : Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14,
(Telephone No. 0471-2945643, 2945600, Fax No. 0471- 2945647)
E-mail : projects@kmscl.kerala.gov.in, website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in
CIN . U24233KL2007SGC021616

No.KMSCL/Projects/986/2020 **Date : 30.06.2020**

E - TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for the Civil & Electrical works for diffierent location mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Tender reference	Description	Estimated Cost Rs.	EMD Rs.	Tender Cost (Rs.) (Inclusive of GST)
1.	KMSCL/PROJECTS/ ET/004/2020	Setting up of Level 1-ICU at ESI Hospital, Peroorkada ,Trivandrum	38,90,838	50,000	2,950
2.	KMSCL/PROJECTS/ ET/005/2020	Setting up of Level 1-ICU at ESI Hospital, Vadavathoor, Kottayam	42,06,389	50,000	2,950
3.	KMSCL/PROJECTS/ ET/006/2020	Setting up of Level 1-ICU at ESI Hospital ,Alappuzha	43,48,140	50,000	2,950
4.	KMSCL/PROJECTS/ ET/007/2020	Setting up of Level 1-ICU at ESI Hospital Ernakulam	36,31,932	50,000	2,950
5.	KMSCL/PROJECTS/ ET/008/2020	Setting up of Level 1-ICU at ESI Hospital ,Olarikara,Thrissur	36,85,417	50,000	2,950
6.	KMSCL/PROJECTS/ ET/009/2020	Setting up of Level 1-ICU at ESI Hospital ,Feroke ,Kozhikode	39,02,871	50,000	2,950
7.	KMSCL/PROJECTS/ ET/010/2020	Setting up of Dialysis Centres at ESI Hospital Mulakunnathukavu, Thrissur	46,36,163	50,000	2,950
8.	KMSCL/PROJECTS/ ET/011/2020	Setting up of Chemotherapy Unit at ESI Hospital Olarikara, Thrissur	17,79,947	45,000	2,950

Tender documents and all other information related to tender and bidding process can be downloaded from the website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**. Last Date 15.07.2020.

(Sd/-) **Managing Director** (Tender Inviting Authority)

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

MAYILADUTHURAI MUNICIPALITY

Roc.No: 4812/2016/E1 Dated : 29.06.2020.

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (Second Call)

Notice inviting RFQ for Construction of a New Bus Stand Infrastructure Project for Mayiladuthurai Municipality, TamilNadu, on a PPP Mode (DBFOT Basis), including financial management and maintenance for a period of 22 years in Survey No. 169/1A part, 170, 172, 174, 175, 176/part at Manakudi Village, in Mayiladuthurai.

Inviting authority : **The Commissioner,**
Mayiladuthurai Municipality, Nagapattinam District – 609001,
Tamil Nadu. Phone: 04634-222555, 221400.
Email:commr.mayiladuthurai@tn.gov.in

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu is keen to improve the intercity bus transport infrastructure in the State of Tamil Nadu. As a part of this effort, it is proposed to develop and establish state-of-the-art bus terminals, in the State on Public-Private-Partnership basis. These terminals would be operated and maintained at a pre-determined quality standard, rendering cost effective and efficient services to the users.
2. The Mayiladuthurai Municipality (the Authority) has been authorized by the Municipal Council Construction, development, and management of new Integrated Bus Terminal Infrastructure Project, Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer ('**DBFOT**' mode of PPP) ('**Project**') in accordance with the terms and conditions to be set forth in a concession agreement, to be entered into.

The Estimated Project cost is 38.05 crores

3. The said Project is for the Concession Period of 22 years, including the right to develop, design, finance, construct and maintain the commercial facility and amenities, to undertake the marketing, booking and allotment of built up area there in and to demand, charge, collect, retain and appropriate the user charges and the permit there from.
4. **The Authority accordingly invites Applications from the eligible developers, to being shortlisted for the issue of Request Proposal (RFP) document.**
5. A pre bid meeting for the prospective Bidders, who are interested in bidding for the above-mentioned project, will be held on **12.08.2020 at 11.00 Hrs** at Municipal Office, Mayiladuthurai.
6. The Eligibility Criteria and other terms and conditions are given in RFQ.
7. The RFQ may be obtained the address given above during office hours, on payment of **Rs.10000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only) through Demand Draft, drawn in favour of Commissioner, Mayiladuthurai Municipality payable at Mayiladuthurai processing fees.
8. The RFQ may also be downloaded from **08.07.2020** from the Official Website https://tntenders.gov.in
9. The last date for Submission of RFQ is **15.00 Hrs on 28.08.2020.**

DIPR/2450/TENDER/2020 **Commissioner, Mayiladuthurai Municipality**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued by I, Sri Madhukar G. Angur S/o Late Guddappa, Flat No.1128, 21st 'A' Cross, 14th Main, HSR 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560102 to notify to the general public that, my cheque leaves bearing Nos.218242, 218243, 218244, 218245 & 218246 drawn on Axis Bank Ltd., Richards Park Branch, Bengaluru-560006, which belong to my account have chances of misusing or misconceptioning by one named Prakash s/o Puttannaiah, aged about 50 years or by any others. With this regard a police complaint and a case made before the competent Court of law. Hence, we wish to request the general public that, they should not entertain the above said person in any manner whatsoever.

This is an appeal to the general public.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client **SRI PICHAI NATHAN .R** S/o Sri. Rama Swamy,Aged about 52 years, Residing at No217/6, 1st Main, Devaraj Urs Nagar Old Guddadahalli, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560 026..is intended to purchase the schedule property and entered into an registered agreement of Sale Dated: 25-06-2019 in respect of beloved scheduled property, from its present owners **SMT. RAJAPUSHANAM** W/o Late Kodandan, Aged about 79 years, Residing at no 656, 8th C Main Road 1st Block, 3rd Stage Manjunathnagar, Bangalore 560010.

Any person/s having any manner of right, claim, title, interest over the schedule property are hereby rectified to register their claim with copies of documents with undersigned, within 10 days from the date of public notice, if no objections or claim registered, my clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction to purchase the above said property free from all encumbrance. Any claims received beyond 10 days will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing property bearing 656, 8th C Main Road 1st Block, 3rd Stage Manjunathnagar, Bangalore 560010. Measuring East to West: 18 Feet (4.49 mts), and North to South:40 feet (11.88 Mts) totally measuring 720 Sq feet, with 3 Sq ACC sheet house with red oxide flooring with jungle wood doors and window which is build more than 35 years back and bounded on the: EAST BY: Site NO 656:A, WEST BY: SITE NO. 656;D, NORTH BY: SITE NO 648;C,SOUTH BY: ROAD.

N.MADESH, Advocate,
Room No.8, 1st Floor, Mayura Building,
3rd cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018.
Ph: 9448071283

PUBLIC NOTICE

By way of this notice, is hereby notifying the General Public/Nationalized-Private Banks/NBFC/Co-operative banks/money lenders/public-private institutions/any legal person all that, one of my client has entered into an Agreement of Sale Deed to purchase the Schedule Property with the present owner **Smt. R. GEETHADEVI,** D/o G. Ramaiah, aged about 58 years, No.116, 2nd Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. If any person/ third party/s have any objections/claims in any manner of right, title or interest over the Schedule Property may lodge their objections/claims, with all supporting documents/evidence to the undersigned Advocate within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this publication. Failing which my client shall be proceed with the sale transaction to purchase the Schedule Property from the Vendor and any right that may arises latter, will not be entertained, as treating that there are no objections/claims and it shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing BDA Site No. 116, PID No. 67-8-116, situated at 6th Block, Koramangala, at Ward No.67, Bangalore City-560095 measuring East to West 40 feet & North to South 55 feets, totally 2,200 sqft along with a residential building measuring 600 sqft, which bounded on: East by: Site No.117, West by : Site No.115, North by: Site No.125 & South by : Road.

Sd/- **SRI ARUNACHALAM,** Advocate
Office: No.1, 4th Cross, 3rd Main,
"A" Sector, Amruthanagar, Bengaluru-92.
Mobile: 98447 76557, 94482 53932

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **PEERARAM H CHOUDHARY,** S/o. Harnathaji Choudhary, has negotiated to purchase the schedule property from **Mrs. CHANDRAKALAJAIN, *(ALIAS, CHANDRAKALA KHATER)*** W/o Surendra Kumar Khater, **Mrs. NIRMALA JAIN, *(ALIAS, NIRMALA KHATER)*** W/o. S.M. Khater, their family members, financial institutions and the public are hereby notified that if anybody has any objections, claims, charges, lien etc., if any in respect of the schedule property may lodge their objections with documentary proof relied upon with the undersigned within Seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, my client proceeds to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being vacant site bearing Property No.53, in the Layout formed by the Binny Mills Labour Association House building Co-operative Society Limited situated at Kempapura Agrahara, Bengaluru now having BBMP PID No.35-110-53, and presently comes under the limits of B.B.M.P. Marenahalli Ward No.35, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet, in all measuring 1500 Sq.Ft., and bounded on

East by : Premises bearing No.52; West by : Premises bearing No.54; North by : Premises bearing No.40; and South by : 30 feet wide Road;

***Venu Gopal L,* Advocate,**
No.8, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet,
Bengaluru - 560 002. Mob:9036494964

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large, that we, Mrs. Jyoti Udani, aged about 78 years, residing at Flat No. 42, Embassy Court, Crescent Road, Bangalore – 560 001, Mrs. Anila Udani, residing at No. 19, 3rd Main Road, Sri Puram Extension, Seshadripuram, Bangalore – 560 020, Mrs. Kusum Udani, residing at Flat No. 603, Gulbahar Apartments, Hare Krishna Road, Bangalore – 560 001 & Ms. Kalpana Udani, residing at Flat No. 42, Embassy Court, Crescent Road, Bangalore – 560 001, have vide legal notice dated 13.09.2019 cancelled/ terminated the Joint Development Agreement and General Power of Attorney, both dated 24.03.2011 registered before the Sub-registrar Gandhinagar as Document No. GAN-1-02539-2010-11 in Book I, stored in CD No. GAND127 and as Document No.GAN-4-00326-2010-11 in Book IV, stored in CD No. GAND127, respectively, executed with Sri. N V Krishna, S/o. Sri.N M Kondaiah, No. 463/B, 11th Main, 7th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore – 560 080 with respect to the schedule property described below.

We have by notice dated 13.09.2019 terminated the aforesaid Joint Development Agreement & General Power of Attorney as the said Sri. N V Krishna failed to perform the terms of the said JDA.

Hence, in view of the above cancellation/termination, we hereby caution the general public at large not to deal with said Sri N V Krishna with regard to the Schedule Property and if anyone does so, will be doing it at their own risk and cost.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF land bearing Property ID (PID) No.27-16-1, New BBMP No.1 and Property ID (PID) Nos.27-12-31 to 38, New BBMP Nos.31 to 38, (Old Municipal No.3), situated at Subedar Chatram Road, Presently 2nd Cross, Annamma Temple Extension and also at Nataka Rathna Gubbi Veeranna Road, BBMP ward No.27, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, together with the old building consisting of Ground floor and First Floor measures in all about 4299 Sq.ft., and measuring East to West : 75 feet and North to South : 45 feet, and bounded on the:

East by: SubedarChatram Road (SC Road);
West by: Conservancy Lane;
North by : Government Road;
South by : Dasappa Building.

Sd/- **Mr. Chandan,** Advocate,
No. A, 2nd Floor,37/38, Rama Residency,
Bowring Hospital Road,Shivajinagar,
Bangalore – 560 001.
Bangalore : 01.07.2020

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

I, C.A. Bharathi W/o. J. Chandrasekhar, do hereby brought to the notice of General Public that, on 17-06-2020, at about 1 P.M. I have lost my documents Viz., Original Registered Sale Deed bearing No. MLR-1-00736-2015-16 dated 29-04-2015 which is in my name and another original sale deed bearing No. 2275/95-96 dated 13-12-1995 and another original Sale deed bearing No. 3/96-97 dated 02-04-1996 both are Registered at Sub registrar of Malur, Kolar District which are in the name of Mr. P. Subramanya Guptha, have been lost at Corporation Bus Stop, Bangalore while I have alighting from KSRTC bus which has come from Hosakote to Bangalore. In this Respect, I have lodge complaint with Bangalore City Police on 17-06-2020 itself. Hence, if anybody finds the said Documents, please return the same to the address mentioned below. If anybody Misuses, with the said documents, without returning will be prosecuted.

C.A. Bharathi, W/o. J. Chandrashekar, Residing
at No. 10, 15th Cross, 4th Main,
S.R. Nagara, Bangalore - 560002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

One of my clients of the undersigned intend to purchase a piece of immovable property which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder & hereinafter referred to as the SCHEDULED PROPERTY from its present owner, Shri. M.Shankar Sheelan, S/o Shri G.Manikam, residing at No. A-249, Sector-02, HMT Colony, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Tq. The sale is likely to take place shortly.

Any body having any objection or any claim whatsoever against the schedule Property may convey the same with supporting documents to the undersigned by registered post within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of this Public Notice, failing which the intending buyer would complete the sale.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and piece of Immovable property bearing Nos. 1 and 2, having a construction measuring 08 square, site measuring East to West 50 feets, North to south 30 feets, the site carved out of Sy. No.41/1 and 42/2. Assessment No.41/1 and 42/2 of Mallasandra Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Tq, bounded on:

East by : Road
West by: Private Property
North by:Property belongs to Shri.Ramaiah,
South by: Part of the same property
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 30-06-20

Aravind M Neglur, Advocate,
No.116/2-1, 1st floor,
Union Bank of India Building, 11th cross,
Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client SMT. VARALAKSHMI, W/o Sri. H.B. Jayaram, is the owner of Site No.2A, New PID No.015-W0114-5, in the Layout formed by The Malleshwaram Tailoring Co-Operative Society Ltd., situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, BNTQ, BBMP Ward No. 15, 6th Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Muneshwaranagar, Bangalore measuring E-W 20 ft. & N-S 30 ft. with a building thereon.

On 29-06-2020 between 10.30 to 11.00 a.m. on the way to her advocate's office, during transit she had lost a Original GPA dated 13-06-1994 (executed by Smt. Huchhamma & Sri. G. Honnagirigowda in favour of Sri. H.G. Parameshaiah) pertaining to the above said property. In spite of her best efforts, she could not trace the said Original GPA dated 13-06-1994. It is requested to the General Public that any person finding the said document may kindly hand over the said document to the undersigned at the below mentioned address within **7 days** from the date of issue of this Public Notice. In this regard my client has already lodged an online complaint in the jurisdictional Police Station on 29-06-2020 vide Lost Report No.082184/2020. Further it is informed the general public that not to misuse the said document to make any illegal transaction and If any transaction entered into by anybody in respect of the above said property based on the said document, the same would be illegal and does not confer any valid right or title on the property and also not binding on my client.

LAWQUEST, Advocates
No.626/97, Dr.Rajkumar Road, II Block,
Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10.
Place: Bangalore, Date: 30-06-2020

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER
LAMPHELPAT

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 27th June, 2020

No.Ex/64/GL/98: Application is invited from the interested person or persons or firms for opening a Bonded Warehouse in Manipur for supply of IMFL, RUM, BEER and WINE to the exempted categories of Armed Forces, Para-Military Forces and State Armed Police deployed in the State of Manipur as per terms and conditions laid down in the Manipur Excise (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 1971, the Manipur Bonded Warehouse Rules, 1990 and the Manipur Bonded Warehouse (Amendment) Rules, 2020.

2. Interested person or persons or firms may download application form and procedure for applying for Bonded Warehouse License at **manipur.gov.in.**
3. Duly filled in application form along with documents may be submitted to the Commissioner of Excise, Government of Manipur, Lamphelpat, Imphal West - 795004, Manipur.
4. The last date for submission of duly filled in application form is **27.07.2020.**

Sd/- (B John Tlangtinkhuma)
Commissioner of Excise, Manipur

CITY UNION BANK LTD.

Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.
Phone : 0435-2402322, 2401622 Fax : 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.7,18,31,884/- (Rupees Seven Crore Eighteen Lakh Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Four Only)** as on **11-03-2020** together with further interest to be charged from **12-03-2020** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Pranee Infrastructures Pvt. Ltd. (Under Liquidation - IBC, 2016), No.10, 10th Cross, 1st Block, Aneppa Circle, T C Palya Main Road, Akshaya Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560 016. No.2) Mr. Venkateswaralu Kalla, S/o. Mr. Alluraiah, No.108, Ist Floor, Varnasi Main Road, 4th Cross, Ramamurthy Nagar, Chikkatamaiah Layout, JKT Halli, Akshaya Nagar, Bangalore - 560 036. No.3) Mrs. Sree Devi, W/o. K. Venkateswaralu, No.108, Ist Floor, Varnasi Main Road, 4th Cross, Ramamurthy Nagar, Chikkatamaiah Layout, JKT Halli, Akshaya Nagar, Bangalore - 560 036. No.4) Mrs. M.N. Jayalakshmi, W/o. Late M.D. Ramashetty, No.145, 60 feet Road, BEML, 5th Stage, Rajarajeswari Nagar, Bangalore - 560 098. No.5) Mr. Satheeh Babu, No.10, 10th Cross, 1st Block, Aneppa Circle, T C Palya Main Road, Akshaya Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560 016.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mrs. M.N. Jayalakshmi, W/o. Late M.D. Ramashetty)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing S.No.240/4 [Old No.240/3 bearing Katha No. 1037/240(4), Old No.240(3)], duly converted vide order ALN (s) SR(k) 177/2009/10 dated 03-05-2010, situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk to an extent of 9 Guntas i.e. 9,801 Sq.feet. Boundaries:- North - S.No.240/7, South - S.No.240/4 (Part), East - S.No.211 & 60 feet Road, West - S.No.240/4 Part.

Reserve Price: Rs.4,00,00,000/-
(Rupees Four Crore Only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
06-08-2020	**City Union Bank Limited,** **Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch,** No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003. Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch, No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: **Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **02.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 29-06-2020 **Authorised Officer**

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LALITHAA CHIKKAATUR**, age 44 years, W/o Raghavendrra Chikatoor, R/o No. D-1006, Mantri Elegance, Bannerghatta Road, Behind Shoppers Stop, N.S. Palya, Bangalore-76, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LALITHA CHIKKATUR** to **LALITHAA CHIKKAATUR**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **LALITHAA CHIKKAATUR** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 29th June 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JOHAINAH**, D/o. Farhana R.K., Residing at No. E 301, Abodh Valmark, Veeranna Palya, Near Manyatha Tech Park, Govindapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 045, Karnataka, hereby declare that **MOINUDDIN JOHAINAH SHAIK MOHD** and **JOHAINAH** both names belongs to the same person. Now I have changed my name from **MOINUDDIN JOHAINAH SHAIK MOHD** to **JOHAINAH.** Vide affidavit dated 30-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary D. Sarala Kumari, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANJULA.A. (OLD NAME) Daughter of R.Anandan, resident of TMQ No. 415/10, 7th Camp, Air Force Station, Jalahalli (East), Bangalore-560013, have changed my name from **MANJULA.A (OLD NAME)** to **MANJU ANAND (NEW NAME)** vide affidavit Dated 14/2/2020 before Notary V. Anjanappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED RAIYAN**, R/at. Sunraise Colony, Main Road, Cholanayakanahalli, RT Nagar, Bangalore - 560032, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED RAIYAN BEIG**, vide affidavit dated: 29/06/2020 before notary **Aravind Patil. G.G**, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAFATH BEGUM MOHAMED ISMAIL**, W/o. **Mohammad Ismail Hasan Saheb Addewala**, R/at # T-11-1041/124/1/P/56, 5th Cross, MSK Mill, Misbaha Colony, Near Masjid E Shams Gulbarga Gb Bahamanipura, Kalaburgi, Karnataka-585103, now at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **RAFAT BEGUM MOHAMMAD ISMAIL**, vide affidavit dated: 20.06.2020 before notary **K.N. Chandrashekara Reddy**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DHRUTIKA DHAVAL PATEL**, W/o Dhavel Patel, R/at F-1005, Sumadhura Shikharam, Ashram Road, Seegehalli Village, Kadugodi Post, Bangalore-67 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DHRUTIKABEN PATEL** to **DHRUTIKA DHAVAL PATEL,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **DHRUTIKA DHAVAL PATEL** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 29.6.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A.R. MUNEER AHMED** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ABHINANDAN JINAGOUDA**, S/o. Dharanendra, aged about 39 years, resident of No. 28, 3rd Main Road, Sathyanarayana Road, Behind Swayam Prabha Kalyana Mantapa, Kamakshipalya, VTC Bangalore North, PO Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560 079, have changed my name from **JANAGOUDA ABHINANDAN** to **ABHINANDAN JINAGOUDA.** Vide affidavit dated 26-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SADIKHA KHAMER, Residing at No. 7/1, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Adi Kabir Ashram, Matadahalli, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032, have changed my Minor son's name from **ASHAR MOHAMMED** to **MOHAMMED ASHAR,** vide affidavit Dated 29/06/2020 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JUVERIYA MOHAMED KHASIM KHAN**,W/o. **Kaleem Pasha,** R/at # 25, 5th Cross, Shivaji Road, Shivajinagar, V K Abdul Urdu School, HKP Road, B'luru-51, have changed my name to **JUVERIYA KHAUNAM,** vide affidavit dated: 22.06.2020 before notary K.N. Chandrashekara Reddy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED ISMAIL BIN HASAN SAHEB,** S/o. **Hasan Saheb,** R/at # T-11-1041/124/1/P/56, 5th Cross, MSK Mill, Misbaha Colony, Near Masjid E Shams Gulbarga Gb Bahamanipura, Kalaburgi, Karnataka-585103, now at B'luru,have changed my name to **MOHAMMAD ISMAIL HASAN SAHEB,** vide affidavit dated: 20.06.2020 before notary K.N.Chandrashekara Reddy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ALKA TRIPATHI SHUKLA,** R/a, No.1B, 603, Soul Space Aristo, Doddanekundi, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-560037, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **ALKA UMESHPRASAD TRIPATHI** (Old Name) to **ALKA TRIPATHI SHUKLA** (New Name) vide Affidavit dated:30-06-2020, Sworn before Advocate & Notary, B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JC 312644L NB/SUB Gokul Singh Rawat declare that my Father's name **BACHE SINGH RAWAT** to **BACHE SINGH** and Mother's name **SARSWATI DEVI** to **SARASWATI DEVI** be changed in my service record.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NIDHI, Residing at Flat No. 1203, Tower 8, SJR Blue Water Apartment, Silver County Road, Haralur, Bangalore-560068, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) NIDHI SHARMA** vide affidavit Dated 30/06/2020 sworn before Notary K. Muralidharan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMAD ISMAIL BIN HASAN SAHEB**, S/o. **Hasan Saheb**, R/at. # T-11-1041/124/1/P/56, 5th Cross, MSK Mill Misbaha Colony, Near Masjid E Shams Gulbarga Gb Bahamanipura, Kalaburgi, Karnataka - 585103, now at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **MOHAMMAD ISMAIL HASAN SAHEB,** vide affidavit dated: 20.06.2020 before notary **K.N. Chandrashekara Reddy,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANJANEYALU C. S/o Chinnappa, Residing at 188, kashif manzil , 7th cross, Afzal layout, Ashwath Nagar, Thanisandra, Bangalore - 560077, I have changed my name to **YUSUF AHMED,.** Vide Affidavit dated 22/06/2020, before Notary, MEER HASSAN, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **FARHANA RASHEED KHAN**, D/o. Rasheed Khan R.K., Residing at No. E 301, Abodh Valmark, Veeranna Palya, Near Manyatha Tech Park, Govindapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 045, Karnataka, hereby declare that **FARHANA RASHED KHAN** and **FARHANA RASHEED KHAN** both names belongs to the same person. Now I have changed my name from **FARHANA RASHED KHAN** to **FARHANA RASHEED KHAN.** Vide affidavit dated 30-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary D. Sarala Kumari, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 15325055A L/NK Chinnathambi.K Unit 18 ENGR REGT, 442 FD Coy, C/o 99 APO PIN:914018, have changed my son name from **C.RAJASEKHAR** to **C.RAJASEKAR** vide affidavit Dated 29/06/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMAD ISMAIL SALIHA**, D/o. **Mohammad Ismail Hasan Saheb**, R/at. # T-11-1041/124/1/P/56, 5th Cross, MSK Mill, Misbaha Colony, Near Masjid E Shams Gulbarga Gb Bahamanipura, Kalaburgi, Karnataka - 585103, now at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **MOHAMMAD ISMAIL SALIHA**, vide affidavit dated: 20.06.2020 before notary **K.N. Chandrashekara Reddy**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMED ISMAIL HAFSA,** D/o. **Mohammad Ismail Hasan Saheb**, R/at # T-11-1041/124/1 /P/56, 5th Cross, MSK Mill, Misbaha Colony, Near Masjid E Shams Gulbarga Gb Bahamanipura, Kalaburgi, Karnataka-585103, now at B'luru, have changed my name to **MOHAMMAD ISMAIL HAFSA**, vide affidavit dated: 20.06.2020 before notary K.N.Chandrashekara Reddy, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Dr. K. Varghese Zachariah**, S/o Mr. K. Sachariah Geevarghese, age 54 year, R/at No. Q-4, Bangalore Baptist Hospital Quarters, Bellary Road, Bangalore-24 do hereby declare that my father's name is **Mr. Sachariah Geevarghese** but as per land records and in few other documents his name has been mentioned as **Sachariah's son Geevarghese** and **K.S. Geevarghese**, I further state that all the name i.e. **K. Sachariah Geevarghese** and **Sachariah's son Geevarghese** and **K.S. Geevarghese** are one persons name (my fathers name), vide affidavit dated 30.6.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **NIRUMAPA PATIL** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAIK MOHAMMED MOINULLA**, S/o. Mohammed Shaik, Residing at No. E 301, Abodh Valmark, Veeranna Palya, Near Manyatha Tech Park, Govindapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 045, Karnataka, hereby declare that **SHAIK MOHAMMED MOINUDDIN** and **SHAIK MOHAMMED MOINULLA** both names belongs to the same person. Now I have changed my name from **SHAIK MOHAMMED MOINUDDIN** to **SHAIK MOHAMMED MOINULLA.** Vide affidavit dated 30-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary D. Sarala Kumari, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NO.4190595P CHM Jagdish Chandra Joshi, residing at No. PRTC, Quarters No. 39/5, Vasanth Enclave, J.C. Nagar, Bangalore-560006, have changed my Minor Son's name from **PRIYANSU JOSHI** to **PRIYANSHU JOSHI** vide affidavit Dated 27/06/2020 sworn before Notary P.G. Unnikrishnan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMAD ISMAIL HASAN AALIYA**, D/o. **Mohammad Ismail Hasan Saheb**, R/at # T-11-1041/124/1/P/56, 5th Cross, MSK Mill, Misbaha Colony, Near Masjid E Shams Gulbarga Gb Bahamanipura, Kalaburgi, Karnataka-585103, now at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **MOHAMMAD ISMAIL AALIYA**, vide affidavit dated: 20.06.2020 before notary **K.N. Chandrashekara Reddy**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMED MUKUL**, S/o. **Mohamed Khalandar Sab**, R/at # 19/10, New Guruappan Palya, Bengaluru-560029, have changed my name to **SHEIK MOHDEEN**, vide affidavit dated: 20.06.2020 before notary K.N. Chandrashekara Reddy, Bengaluru.

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Andhra Pradesh's Covid-19 tally crossed the 14,000 mark, with 704 cases reported on Tuesday. A total of 258 patients were discharged and seven died.

'FOOTAGE AT POLICE STN DELIBERATELY ERASED'

As per a magisterial report filed on Thoothukudi custodial death case, the two traders from Sathankulam were 'brutally assaulted'

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THE footage of the CCTV cameras at Sathankulam Police Station has been "deliberately erased to hide the activities of June 19", said the Kovilpatti Judicial Magistrate I to the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. The two traders -- Jeyaraj and his son Beniks -- from Sathankulam were "brutally assaulted" that day, leading to their death a few days later in hospital.

In a report submitted by the magistrate to the court on Monday, he said, "Pursuant to the court's instructions, on June 28, 2020, I went to the Sathankulam Police Station and attempted to download the CCTV camera footage. I was accompanied by system officers deputed for the purpose. However, I came to know that even though the hard disk of the cameras had storage space of 1TB, the settings of the same were programmed in a manner that the data gets erased automatically. Especially, the footage starting from the date of occurrence was missing." He added that he seized the hard disk as it is a part of the evidence. The judicial officer said a woman constable, who was an eye witness to the incident, revealed some facts "after much coaxing". He said, "She confirmed that the victims were repeatedly thrashed by the cops the whole night." He said that the victims' blood could be found on the lathis and on a table in the station.

"She said that she would sign the printed copy of her statement, but later she refused. She was scared of the other policemen. Only after being assured of protection, did she sign the statement. Even while recording her statement, the policemen were continuously causing disturbance by making noises, which frightened her even more," added the officer.

The magistrate also complained about the hostility of the police personnel at the station, especially of ADSP D Kumar, DSP C Prathapan and constable Maharajan. This later prompted the court to initiate suo-motu contempt proceedings against them. The magistrate added that Maharajan was giving contradictory answers to the questions asked by him and he also refused to hand over the evidence -- his lathi.

Another policeman, who was also asked to hand over his lathi, immediately fled the spot, the magistrate said. Due to the continued disturbance, the magistrate had to leave the station, he added.

HC finds prima facie evidence

There is prima facie evidence to frame murder charges against the Sathankulam policemen in the alleged 'custodial death' of two traders , said the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. The constable's statement should be recorded by a separate magistrate, the bench added. The judges further asked the Thoothukudi Collector to give protection to the constable and her family members.

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Investigation transferred to CB-CID

Madurai: Apprehending that there is a risk of tampering of evidence before CBI assumes charge, the Bench further transferred the investigation to CB-CID, till CBI takes over. The judges appointed CB-CID Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Anil Kumar as in-charge of the case. Prior to this, the judges considered handing over the case to the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Tirunelveli. The DSP was directed to take over the investigation forthwith. **ENS**

Thoothukudi SP transferred

Madurai: The State Home Department on Tuesday transferred Thoothukudi Superintendent of Police Arun Balagopalan and kept him under compulsory wait without designating him any post. It posted the Villupuram Superintendent of Police S Jeyakumar in his place. On Tuesday, based on the suo motu case, Balagopalan along with his range DIG Praveen Kumar Abinapu told the court about the actions taken by him in the case, which the court recorded. **ENS**

80 cops to undergo psychological therapy

Tiruchy: Stung by the backlash following the custodial deaths in Sathankulam, Tiruchy range DIG V Balakrishnan has released from duty 80 police personnel identified as having anger issues to undergo cognitive behavioral therapy. Cops in Pudukkottai top the chart with 21. Balakrishnan, on Monday, said the 80 police personnel would attend a month-long psychological therapy before resuming duty. The DIG said the cops needed behavioural correction to improve their interpersonal skills.**ENS**

DANGER IN THE AIR

Another gas leak in Vizag claims lives of two

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CLOSE ON the heels of the LG polymers gas leak, Visakhapatnam witnessed yet another gas leak early on Tuesday, this time at JN Pharma City in Parawada. Two people died and four fell ill after hydrogen sulphide escaped from a hose of a reactor due to an increase in pressure at the Sainor Life Sciences parma unit.

The leak reportedly occurred between 11.30 pm on Monday and 12 am on Tuesday. The situation was reportedly brought under control immediately and the unit shut down.

The deceased were identified as shift in-charge Narendra and chemist M Gowri Shankar. The four employees who fell ill were rushed to a private hospital at Gajuwaka, where one of them is said to be in a serious condition.

The four are helpers L V Chendra Sekhar, of Salapuvani Palem, and P Ananad Babu, of Anankapalle, chemists D Janaki Ram, of NAD, and M Surya Narayana, of Aganampudi. The bodies of the deceased were sent to the King George Hospital for a post-mortem examination.

The gas leak reportedly occurred between 11.30 pm on Monday and 12 am on Tuesday. The four persons who are undergoing treatment at RK Hospital are helpers L V Chendra Sekhar of Salapuvani palem ad P Ananad Babu of Anankapalle, chemists D. Janaki Ram (24) of NAD and M. Surya Narayana (29) of Aganampudi. The bodies of deceased employees were sent to King George Hospital for autopsy.

There was an accident in the plant five years ago in which two persons died. Tuesday's accident raises doubts over safety protocol at the unit.

District collector V Vinay Chand who rushed to the plant following the incident, inspected the plant and enquired about the reasons for the gas leak. He also enquired how many were on duty when the accident occurred. The collector also visited the hospital where the injured were undergoing treatment and interacted with them.

Policemen investigate the Sainor Life Sciences Pvt limited unit from where the gas leak was reported in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday | EXPRESS

TN crosses 90K mark with 3,943 new cases

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THE state crossed the 90,000 mark with 3,943 people testing positive for Covid-19. The state also reported 60 deaths taking the toll to 1,201 on Tuesday.

Chennai alone recorded 2,393 cases, the highest single day spike, increasing its tally to 58,327. The city also reported 42 deaths taking the toll to 888. Chengalpattu recorded 160 cases, Kancheepuram 90 and Tiruvallur 153 cases. Vellore and Tiruvannamalai which had been reporting the maximum number of cases confirmed 70 and 16 cases respectively.

However, Madurai which has been put under lockdown, continued to see a spike in cases. The district reported 257 cases on Tuesday.

According to the media bulletin issued by the Directorate of Public Health, 16 deaths were reported in private hospitals and 44 in government hospitals.Among the deceased three didn't have comorbidities.

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FOLLOW THE ARROWS

Boards carrying Covid-19 awareness messages are placed on either side of the screening zone at the entrance to the City Corporation's main office in Coimbatore on Tuesday | U RAKESH KUMAR

Head constable assaults elderly man, transferred

Tiruchy: Days after the custodial deaths in Sathankulam, numerous cases of police brutality have been surfacing across the State. A video clip of a policeman assaulting an old man in broad daylight in the middle of the road on Monday near the district court has gone viral on social media. Following an investigation, the policeman attached to Woraiyur police station was transferred to the Armed Reserve by Police Commissioner V Varadharaju on Tuesday.

Fake currency trafficker held in Karnataka

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THE NIA on Tuesday arrested Fake Indian Currency Note (FICN) trafficker R Vijay (26) for his alleged involvement in the circulation of counterfeit Indian currency in Karnataka, said an NIA spokesperson. "Vijay was involved in funding FICN-related activities. He transferred funds through his four bank accounts into accounts of the co-accused. He would withdraw money in Kolkata, Malda and Farakka to pay FICN suppliers in West Bengal," the officer added.

"The case relates to the seizure of FICN with face value of Rs 6,84,000 from the possession of four accused — Mohammed Sajjad Ali, Raju MG, Gangadhar and Vanitha J alias Thangam, who had trafficked FICN from Malda to Karnataka in September 2018. Subsequently, FICN suppliers Sabiruddeen and Abdul Kadir were arrested from West Bengal," he said.

Ballari witnesses 19 Covid deaths in 3 days

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BALLARI district has reported 773 cases of Covid-19 and 29 deaths in the last three months. As many as 19 deaths were reported over the last three days, posing a huge challenge for the administration and the Health Department to take up mass burial.

"Even the dead deserve some respect and a decent burial," rued a social activist from Ballari. Similar reactions echoed on social media with some pointing out how the families, which have to stay away from the burials, would have felt about such an act.

Health Department officials pointed out that on Monday alone, eight Covid-19 patients died in the district and all the burials had to be done as quickly as possible. "Moreover, there has been stiff opposition from different quarters on not allowing the burial of victims. Last week, MLA G Somashekara Reddy himself sat in protest demanding not to bury a Covid patient's body in Ballari city. The administration and the DC had to convince the MLA and his supporters," an official explained.

"The burial was done as per protocol. The place of burial had to be changed at the last minute as there was protest from locals. Hence, it was done in a hurry," the official reasoned.

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> Official

An earthmover at the burial site on the outskirts Ballari where eight bodies were buried on Monday | EXPRESS

Corona cases rise in DK: Kasaragod blocks all roads

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WITH the number of Covid-19 cases rising in Dakshina Kannada, the Kasaragod district administration blocked all the roads leading to Karnataka by dumping mud on them on Tuesday. The district administration blocked 20 roads leading to Karnataka in Manjeshwar, four roads in Adhur, three roads in Badiadka and two roads in Rajapuram, said district police chief Shilpa Dyavaiah.

However, collector D Sajith Babu said no new roads were blocked on Tuesday. "These roads were blocked by Karnataka but the mud was removed by the sand mafia and those who smuggled in people," he said.

Dyavaiah said the police got information that a lot of people were being smuggled into the district and so they immediately closed the roads.

When asked that the blockade would hurt people living in the border villages, both the officers said that those entering Kerala should have a valid pass. As of now, the pass facility is available only in Thalapady from where people can get a travel permit. "The officials of revenue, police, health, and panchayat find it difficult to monitor all the roads. Unaccounted people entering the state pose a risk. That's why we blocked the roads," she said.

In Dakshina Kannada, there are 292 active cases of COVID-19, with 44 new cases reported on Tuesday itself, of which 11 patients are from Ullal, an area bordering Manjeshwar. Earlier, when Kasaragod reported a high number of cases, the Dakshina Kannada administration dumped mud on all the roads leading to Kasaragod, which was questioned by people of Kasaragod who depend on the neighbouring towns in Dakshina Kannada.

Compared to Dakshina Kannada, Kasaragod has reported only 135 active cases so far and except for one, all the cases came from abroad or other states. No patient has died in Kasaragod.

Vijayapura ZP polls: Cong pips BJP

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SUJATA Kallimani of Congress won the presidential elections in the Vijayapura Zilla Panchayat on Tuesday. She registered a comfortable victory garnering 22 votes against her rival BJP's Bhimashankar Biradar, becoming the new president of zilla panchayat. Biradar managed to get 20 votes. The president's post is reserved for BC (A) category. Prabhu Desai of BJP continues to be the vice-president from the past four years.

Interestingly, four ZP members of BJP Bindhuraya Biradar, Mahanthgonda Patil, Kalappa Matti and Jyothi Aski cross voted, followed by two of JD(S)- Ramu Rathod and Kavitha Rathod and independent member Gurugouda Patil who raised their hands to mark the voting in favour of Kallimani.

Sujatha will be holding office for a period of one year, that will also mark the end of five year term of the present body.

Earlier, high drama was witnessed as BJP leaders made made a vain bid to stop the bus ferrying four members of their party, from entering the ZP precincts, as they had announced their support to grand old party. As the leaders of both the parties entered into a wordy duel and tried to vandalise the bus, the police had to use mild force to bring the situation under control.

Despite being the single largest party with 20 seats in 42 member ZP, BJP could not manage to hold the reins of the ZP even in its third attempt. What's intriguing further is, Congress and BJP are ruling in alliance for the past four years, sharing the posts of president and vice-president respectively.

The Congress that played its cards close to chest, managed to win again, despite being short of two votes. Apart from four members of BJP, Congress managed to get the support of two of JD(S) and also one independent candidate to register the victory.

Even though BJP managed to get the support of Congress' Shivayogappa Nedalagi (outgoing ZP president), Umesh Kolkar and S B Patil, who had announced their support to saffron cadre, the trio failed to make a difference in the election.

Sujatha Kallimani said, "I am even grateful to those of BJP, JD(S) and the independent candidate who supported my candidature."

Newly elected Zilla Panchayat president Sujata Kallimani being congratulated by Regional Commissioner Aditya Amlan Biswas in Vijayapura on Tuesday | EXPRESS

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Telangana govt postpones EAMCET

Hyderabad: In a significant development, the State government on Tuesday informed the Telangana High Court about its decision to postpone all the Common Entrance Tests (CETs), including EAMCET, POLYCET, ICET, ECET and PGCET, and other examinations scheduled to be held from July 1 due to spike in Covid-19 cases in the State. Fresh dates for these examinations will be announced later. **ENS**

'4 child porn accused part of int'l racket'

T'Puram: The Cyberdome officials tracking circulation of Child Sex Abuse Materials (CSAM) have identified that four people who were nabbed during the raids on Saturday were part of an international child pornography racket and they earned money by uploading obscene contents of local children to darknet sites and peer-to-peer social networking platforms. Police said the four people stood out because of the quantity of CSAM seized from them. **ENS**

Increasingly constructive doubt is the sign of advancing civilisation. We must put question marks along many of our inherited ... dogmas

Jerome Frank

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APPS AXE HITS MARK, BE PREPARED FOR CHINA'S RESPONSE

If the Chinese government's reactions and that of the *Global Times*, the Chinese communist party's mouthpiece, are anything to go by, then the Indian government's ban on 59 Chinese apps is hurting them. While the government said it was concerned over the development, the newspaper's editor appeared to mock India, claiming that even if the Chinese people wanted to boycott Indian products and goods, they would find it difficult to find them. Clearly, India can assume that Monday night's action in retaliation for the ongoing face-off in eastern Ladakh has achieved its purpose. But to put the ban in perspective, the Chinese would have been more hurt egotistically rather than economically. In the short run, it would be extremely difficult for India to damage China economically given its massive dependence on the northern neighbour in many sectors. From pharmaceutical to telecom and many others, Indian business needs China. Chinese investors have put in over $5.5 billion in the past four years in Indian start-ups, including many that are now flourishing. China is also India's largest trading partner after the US. It is clear that damaging Chinese business interests as payback for the Ladakh clashes and the death of Indian soldiers in the Galwan Valley is not going to happen so soon. But nonetheless, the only way to strike back at China and its hegemonic designs are through economic measures. Hitting back militarily or diplomatically is not an option that is open to India.

The Ladakh stand-off, as also the Covid-19 pandemic, has only underlined one thing, that India needs to be self-reliant economically and militarily in order to be a strong nation. As long as it is dependent on other countries on these two counts, any retaliatory step will be weak and hardly a deterrent. But having taken the bull by the horns, India now needs to be wary of China's next move. Experts have often warned that the Chinese never forget. So India's action is unlikely to go unanswered. There are already reports that China has stepped up its troop presence along the border in Arunachal Pradesh. Hopefully the government has thought through Monday's action and has many aces up its sleeves.

MAKING USE OF LOCKDOWN 6 IN TN

Tamil Nadu has extended the lockdown in the state till July 31 even as the Centre has issued guidelines for Unlock 2.0. TN's decision comes amid a mounting case load that is pushing the health infrastructure to the brink. Although health experts advised against continuing a lockdown, the state has forged ahead as Covid-19 seeps beyond Chennai and its neighbouring districts to the southern and central parts. But it may be time for the government to heed its own advice: Don't worry about the numbers, just follow safe practices.

The rising case load—90,167 as of Tuesday—must be seen alongside its impressive performance on testing. Tamil Nadu, as of Tuesday, had tested 11,16,622 people and is well ahead of Maharashtra, which comes second while having twice TN's caseload. The state government focused on ramping up testing capability from March and currently has 90 testing labs, 47 of which are run by the government. Where it has faltered is in strictly adhering to the test, trace, isolate mantra of experts around the world. In the process, it lost out on the early advantages of its relatively strong health infrastructure.

Nonetheless, the state has looked to make up lost ground in the past month. In Chennai, which has 58,327 cases, the Corporation has finally ramped up daily testing to reach 10,000 samples—double the figure it had stagnated at. The civic body has also undertaken daily fever camps to screen, test and treat patients. This initiative has been praised by the state's expert health panel, which has recommended the model be replicated in other parts of TN. Although the effort comes a bit late, early adoption of the model in other cities may prevent them from going the 'Chennai' way. Testing must also be increased in cities like Madurai, Coimbatore and Tiruchy along with boosting surveillance and screening. Alongside this is a need for a clear information and communication drive aimed at improving public understanding and altering behaviour. The state must ensure that Lockdown 6 is made good use of, so that it may be the last. Lockdowns come with great social, economic and psychological costs that are too huge to pay indefinitely.

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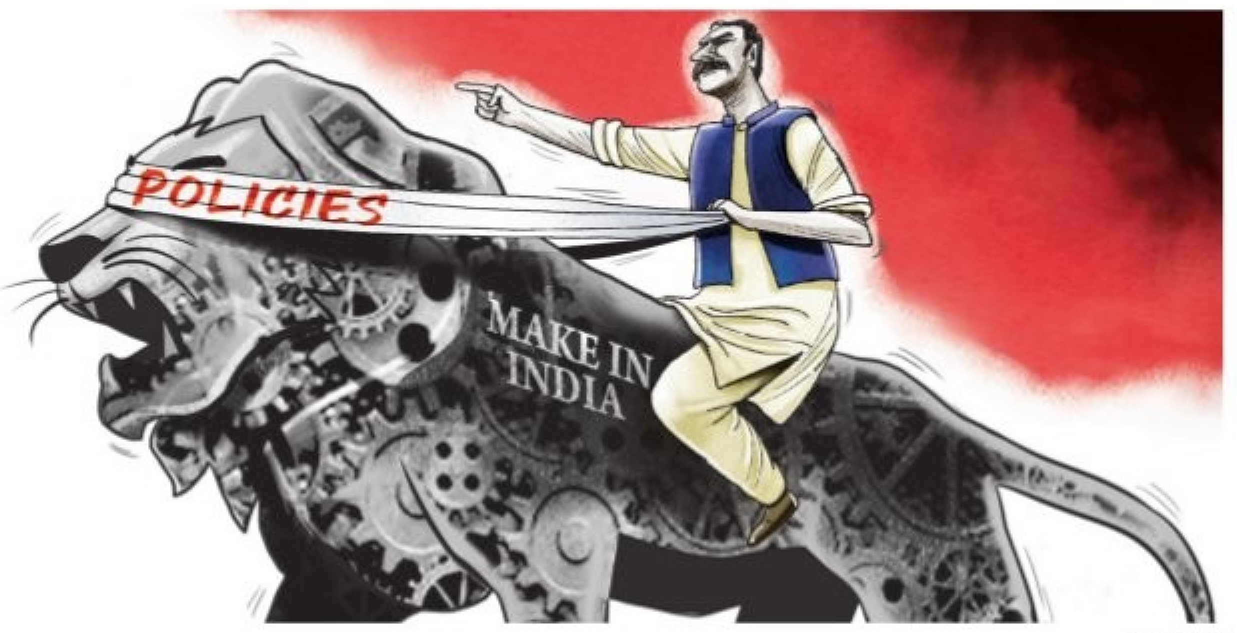
INDIA SHOULD ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS ABOUT MANUFACTURING



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Practically every Indian manufacturer who depended on China for inputs has started looking for alternatives. The lockdown of Hubei province in China because of the coronavirus followed by the national lockdown in India had already disrupted their supply chains. Even as the lockdown conditions were being eased in several states, China's unprovoked aggression at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has again thrown things out of gear.

Goods coming from China are being subjected to extra scrutiny at entry points, adding to delays, while the government is mulling punitive duties on some Chinese imports. Consumer sentiment about China-made goods is also running high with boycott calls becoming more frequent.

Every manufacturer is now aware that while all imports from China cannot be stopped overnight, they will need to find alternative sources to de-risk their businesses. The question is: Should they look to nations such as Vietnam, Korea, Taiwan or Indonesia who also have formidable manufacturing prowess even if they cannot always match China's prices? Or should they try and develop an ecosystem of vendors within India given PM Narendra Modi's *Atma Nirbhar* call?

While the latter option fits with the rising nationalist sentiment in the country currently, it is unlikely to become a reality unless the government puts the right policies in place. That, in turn, means posing the right questions.

Consider why Indian manufacturing has remained uncompetitive by global standards bar in a couple of sectors such as refining and automobiles despite multiple PMs putting manufacturing at the top of their priorities.

India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru's vision was of giant public sector units (PSUs) with only a minimal role for the private sector. His daughter continued with that philosophy. While this led to a large number of PSUs in everything from heavy electrical to electronics and from telecom to watch making, most were inefficient monopolies that started making losses at the first whiff of competition. This was because commercial viability in a market economy was never part of their brief.

Rajiv Gandhi opened up the country to internal competition while largely protecting the nation against global manufacturers in many sectors. Again, the philosophy of making for Indian consumers in a closed market meant smaller scales and costlier, shoddy quality products.

The opening up of the economy from 1991 saw large foreign investments, but automobile manufacturing is the sole success story. The National Manufacturing Policy of 2011 of the UPA 2 government that was renamed as Make in India by PM Modi in 2014 also failed because neither had been thought through properly.

The issue is that there has never been any conceptual clarity about India's manufacturing goals. Was Indian manufacturing only meant for the domestic market and to reduce dependence on foreign brands? Or was it to become a global hub for manufacturing with exports being as important as the domestic market?

Was India aiming to be a contract manufacturer or a creator of home grown multinational brands? Was the aim to promote domestic entrepreneurs or was it to attract big global manufacturers to set up base in the country? Was a large number of small and medium scale industries the goal because of their labour intensive nature or giant, high tech factories that employed fewer people but captured higher value?

Was Indian manufacturing only meant for the domestic market and to reduce dependence on foreign brands? Or was it to become a global hub for manufacturing with exports as important as the domestic market? ... The kind of policy response needed depends on the answers

The answer to each question changes the kind of policy response needed. For example, if the manufacturing goal is for domestic consumption only, the scale of operations will be different and so will capital requirements and tax treatment. On the other hand, if the goal is to be a globally competitive manufacturer, policies will need to be reworked keeping in mind that the best in global technology will need to be accessed, along with higher economies of scale and hence higher capital requirements. For creating many low skilled jobs, the sectors that will be incentivised will be very different from what would be required if the goal is to excel in high tech. If the goal is to nurture domestic entrepreneurs, it would also mean discouraging foreign direct investment. And if FDI in manufacturing is welcomed, the government can also not overtly support a boycott against a brand being manufactured within the country no matter what its country of origin is.

Not every question involves an either/or choice. Many countries—including China and Taiwan—started off building a reputation as low-cost contract manufacturers for better known Japanese, European or American brands before they built their own global brands.

Policymakers should also realise that developing manufacturing competitiveness requires a lot of time, effort and capital. It will not happen overnight. Most importantly, they will need to realise that no country—not even one with a 130 crore plus population and a lot of natural resources—can excel in manufacturing everything. The government will need to pick and choose sectors where there are natural advantages, a big enough potential and back these with the right kind of incentives.

The most important thing the government needs to remember, though, is to think of the consumer. Manufacturing will never succeed in India if the goal is to only create a lot of employment but not give the consumer a high quality product at globally competitive prices. This is a point that policymakers often forget.

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JUDICIARY: WHEN SILENCE BECOMES AN OFFENCE

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American jurist Jerome Frank warned long ago, "It is a mistake ... to try to establish and maintain, through ignorance, public esteem for our courts." The court is a democratic institution and access to it is a social necessity. People's lives depend upon judicial institutions in varied ways. Ultimately, a fair judiciary is the citizen's last resort. Justice is an imperative.

Criticism of the court is a serious matter. It needs to be done in good faith, with a sense of objectivity and without accusing the judges personally, unless there are compelling circumstances to do so and if such an accusation has a legal justification. Individual aberrations as well as political affiliations can damage the institution. In a working democracy, like other branches of the state, the court too cannot escape public scrutiny.

The recent controversies in India over criticism of the top court can take us to a better level of deliberation. A few retired judges along with some leaders of the Bar, including the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Dushyant Dave, think that on many occasions, the top court has failed to protect the people's fundamental rights. On the other hand, a few others in the legal fraternity have come down heavily against the "growing trend of attacks against the judiciary". Where do we draw the line?

Public memories of the Emergency (1975-1977) must help us to solve this dilemma. Several brave lawyers and judges fought for the citizens during the testing times. Eminent lawyers were arrested and detained. Many judges of the High Courts were transferred indiscriminately. At a later point of time, Nani Palkivala, who was Mrs Indira Gandhi's counsel, opposed her after the declaration of the Emergency. Fali S Nariman resigned from the post of Additional Solicitor General as a mark of protest against Mrs Gandhi's authoritarianism. Lawyers ranging from Ram Jethmalani to Shanti Bhushan led a movement of radicals. It needed enormous sacrifice to restore democracy and the rule of law in the country. Once it was restored, the Supreme Court was back on its constitutional track.

The post-Emergency judicial activism in India was complementary to the national and international reaction against a committed judiciary. The nation could, however, correct the judiciary by exposing the grave follies during the dark days.

After the withdrawal of the Emergency, the court came to the rescue of the poor and the marginalised in the areas of human rights, labour laws and environmental protection. Of late, social action litigations have suffered a setback due to a variety of reasons. A few lawyers think that dilution of legal parameters and liberal approach in matters of locus and procedure had an adverse impact on the praxis of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in India. The point, however, is the correlation between an assertive judiciary and an effective PIL ambience. The judiciary celebrated its independence with a sense of introspection. It revisited the spirit of the Constitution that was trivialised by Mrs Gandhi and company.

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Two illustrative instances where the top court protected the labour's interest were the cases of People's Union for Democratic Rights (1982) and Bandhua Mukti Morcha (1983). In the former, the top court rescued the labourers engaged in the Asiad Projects and in the latter, child labourers in stone quarries were benefited. The court in the Asiad case held that inhuman exploitation of labour without adequate wages would amount to forced labour prohibited under Article 23 of the Constitution. In both cases, the court treated the letters addressed to it as writ petitions.

On 17 June 2020, two PILs challenging the dilution of labour laws in several states came up before the Supreme Court. Constitutional grounds of prohibition of forced labour, right to dignity, etc., were raised. They were met with an abrupt dismissal by a Bench led by Justice Ashok Bhushan on the ground that the petitioners did not have locus. That is to say, according to the court, one petitioner was a journalist and the other was a law student and as such they could not have spoken for the labourers. This approach negates the very idea of the PIL that the Supreme Court evolved, which allowed a public-spirited person to move the court for the benefit of the helpless and hapless multitudes. There was no substantial criticism in the country about this judicial apathy.

J A G Griffith in his classic yet controversial work, *The politics of the judiciary* (1977), demonstrated the ways by which institutional judgments get swayed by the interest of the political regime. There are visible and invisible factors that create a court that succumbs to a mighty political executive. Griffith, perhaps, told an old story. We have a post-truth judiciary. The situation across the globe has changed for the worse in modern times. It is embarrassing to see the court as an extension of the executive.

In the Covid-19 days, one finds illiberal regimes hand in hand with equally illiberal or sometimes subservient judiciaries. This situation calls for a consolidated attempt from the lawyers and media to fight the excessiveness of the state. A lawyer, like a journalist, positions herself between the state and the citizen, performing an educative and liberative function. The emergency gives us the hardest, yet, cardinal constitutional lessons. It teaches us about the offence of silence.

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Ban is a bold move

The Centre's decision to ban 59 Chinese mobile apps over security concerns is a bold and laudable act. Though enthusiasts of some of these apps may feel disheartened, it's our duty to stand united and support our motherland.

M Pradyu, Kannur

Fair and unfair

This is with reference to the editorial *We await a cream to cleanse our soul* (Jun 30). We are not only unfair to fellow human beings, but also seem to discriminate when it comes to animals and even flowers. A black sheep is a member of a family who brings disgrace to it. And while a rose by any name will be a rose, it is only a white rose that is believed to signify purity and innocence.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

China's actions shocking

This is with reference to the news report *China is sterilising Uighurs in 'demographic genocide'* (June 30). China's actions are shocking.

M Shajahan, Thiruvithancode

Kaamegowda an inspiration

It is heartening to note that 84-year-old Kaamegowda from Mandya was recognised by none less than PM Narendra Modi in his *Mann ki Baat* (*Karnataka Lake Man's watershed moment—PM's praise*, June 29). The shepherd had spent nearly four decades digging ponds on a barren hill near his village with the sole aim of providing water for humans and wildlife. He did this selfless service without seeking fame. In the end, his efforts ensured that his name echoed through the nation.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Imran's Osama praise

This is with reference to *Amid Pakistan terror sanctuary indictment, Imran's mask slips off* (June 29). The editorial was apt. At long last, Pakistani PM Imran Khan has spoken the truth, knowingly or unknowingly. Despite the atrocities committed by Osama bin Laden and his outfit, Imran has mischievously chosen to call him a 'martyr'. The US should take specific note of this.

R Sampath, Chennai

Something to cheer

We have achieved self-sufficiency in PPE kits, become a leading manufacturer and are now set to export them—all in two months. This is something to cheer, the first true successful example under the Make in India initiative in years.

M Balakrishnan, Bengaluru

Stay united

This is with reference to the opinion article *With whom is the Congress fighting?* (June 30). The author is right. Whenever a neighbouring country threatens us, all our political parties should stay united against the aggressor and not play politics.

T R Krishna Chandran, Thrissur

Avoid politics at least now

Every Indian should recollect at this critical juncture that India was groaning under foreign yoke till Independence mainly due to disastrous internal clashes. Now the time has come for us to avoid unscrupulous politics and stay united behind our government in the wake of the external threat from China.

B V Apparao, Visakhapatnam

Grace marks can help

Because of Covid-19, Class 10 exams have been cancelled in TN. The government should note that Class 12 students had attended their exams before the lockdowns started but still faced Covid fear and the resulting mental agony. So the government can consider giving them some grace marks.

K R Ramanujam, Kattumannarkoil

Yogi deserves kudos

This is with reference to *PM Modi praises Yogi for his pandemic handling, says it helped save 85K lives* (June 27). In general, our nation has been handling the pandemic well considering our large population. The UP CM in particular has been enforcing iron discipline. It may be recalled that he even skipped his father's funeral for which travel was necessary.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Kapil Sibal @KapilSibal
While you ban those Chinese apps try and fill our security gaps let not our trust in you collapse.

Manish Tewari @ManishTewari
With this ban are you also certifying that other Chinese App's are not a security threat?

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
PM's announcement falls far short of the required 10-kg per month for 6 months to all needy to prevent hunger deaths.

'NEED TO CONSERVE HERITAGE AND PRACTICES OF TRIBALS'

The cultural heritage and practices of tribals across India that are detrimental to health should be modified, said ***Professor S B Roy****, Chairman, Indian Institute of Bio-Social Research and Development. Speaking about the Northeast tribals,* ***Manoj K Das****, MD, North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation, said it's better to lend them money to help build a community environment. They were in conversation with* ***senior journalist and author Kaveree Bamzai****, on TNIE Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.*

EXPRESS expressions FEAR NONE. FAVOUR NONE

Speaking on whether to allow tribals to govern themselves and develop at their own pace, Dr Roy said, "The question is what to allow. The cultural heritage of tribals has to be preserved. But as an outsider, we don't have the ability or intent to change the culture of the tribals. These statements are very popular and can be exciting for debate. However, if we look closely, some of their cultural practices are objectively detrimental to health. For example, some tribes have a practice where they are not allowed to eat protein, give antenatal care for the pregnant mother, not allow immunisation and practice hunting. These cultural practices may not be conducive. We should facilitate change for those cultural practices."

However, Professor Roy added that our country has a problem of food security, climate change and contaminated agricultural lands due to high usage of chemical fertilisers and to solve these, the tribals are the most important players.

"For the conservation of forests, to mitigate climate change, increase organic farming, increase the cultivation of traditional seeds, they play a prominent role. Good agricultural practices, forest conservation, livestock, fisheries are all taken care of if tribal development is present. Tribal higher education is also important. However, we have to remember that a tribal working in IT or pursuing PhD will not take care of farming. All tribals are not homogenous…We have to segregate and reach them," he explained.

Speaking especially about the tribals in the Northeast, Das said they have been doing quite well with a high literacy rate and cultivable stretches of land. "I would say give them land rights. They should be allowed to govern themselves and there should be guaranteed government funding. The high-sounding schemes of the government ultimately don't get much done as half of these tribal communities do not have the required documents to obtain the benefits. It is better to lend the tribals money to help them build a community environment run by locals," he added.

On improving entrepreneurship skills among the tribals, Das said, "Linkage to the market is important. We are coming up with a 'one village, one product' model to promote these small communities, their handicraft, costumes and more which can then be linked through proper channels to the markets, whether online or physical."

ICMR had warned against indiscriminate use of plasma therapy | FILE

Conflicting signals on plasma therapy

Health min guidance doc cautions on its Covid use; treatment protocol endorses

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

EVEN as there is no clarity on whether plasma therapy is helping moderately to severely ill Covid-19 patients, the Centre seems to be unsure about whether to allow hospitals its unbridled use and is sending contradicting signals.

Just two days before permitting the therapy as an investigational treatment, even outside clinical trials, a guidance document on blood transfusion issued on June 25 had cautioned against the use of plasma therapy as routine treatment.

The guidelines made public on Tuesday clearly said the effectiveness of convalescent plasma therapy for Covid-19 is being assessed through clinical trials and has not been established yet. Therefore it should not be used for routine treatment.

"The use of convalescent plasma for routine treatment of Covid-19 patients is not recommended at present," said the guidelines by the National Blood Transfusion Council under Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Systems should be in place to enable re-entry of cured Covid-19 patients as plasma donors for treatment of Covid patients, it added.

In contrast, on June 27, in the revised treatment protocol for the infectious disease, the ministry endorsed off-label use of convalescent plasma saying it "may be considered in patients with moderate disease who are not improving (oxygen requirement is progressively increasing) despite use of steroids".

The protocol had mentioned special prerequisites while considering convalescent plasma that included ABO compatibility, monitoring of recipients following the transfusion among others. In late April, the ministry and ICMR had warned against the indiscriminate use of plasma therapy.

Queries sent out to senior officials of ministry, including health secretary Preeti Sudan, seeking clarification on the government view on plasma therapy has remained unanswered but the conflicting stand by the ministry on the issue has left patient rights groups perplexed.

Despite being an experimental therapy without any proven efficacy so far, hospitals — mostly private — are charging patients heavily for it. In Delhi, for instance, a major corporate hospital has been billing infected patients ₹11,000 per cycle of transfusion even though it's the families of patients who have to arrange for donors.

Clinical trials of plasma therapy for Covid-19 are on in various hospitals in the country, but so far no conclusive results have come.

A small randomised clinical trial from Wuhan in China had shown that among patients with severe or life-threatening Covid-19, convalescent plasma added to standard treatment when compared to non-intervention group showed marginal improvement within 28 days.

'ASHAs play major role in Covid-19 response'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Tuesday underlined the role of accredited social health workers in Covid-19 response in creating awareness and identifying cases at village level.

Detailing the services being provided by 1.6 lakh ASHAs in Uttar Pradesh, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said that in a gigantic exercise, they have tracked over nearly 30.43 lakh migrant returnees in two phases - 11.24 lakh in the first and 19.19 lakh in the second phase.

These workers have assisted in contact tracing and community-level surveillance and not only identified 7,965 with symptoms but also regularly followed up on their status.

ASHAs in UP facilitated sample collection from 2,232 returnees of which 203 were found to be positive and were referred to Covid health care services.

The state has seen formation of village level vigilance committees under gram pradhans who keep in touch with the ASHAs and provide her details of migrants, who in turn help with follow up on migrants.

"ASHAs have played a critical role in sensitising the communities about the preventive measures to be adopted such as regular hand washing with soap and water, importance of wearing masks when out in public spaces, and maintaining adequate physical distancing," said a government statement.

As a result of their efforts, there has been enhanced awareness about essential and non-essential healthcare services and how to access these, the health ministry also said.

The Centre also claimed that ASHAs are provided basic protective gear like masks, soap, sanitisers as they go about their duties. They have assisted the Panchayati Raj department in development of the community quarantine centers, in buildings like Anganwadi centres and primary schools.

UP: 7,965 with symptoms identified by 1.6L ASHAs

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West Bengal to give free ration till June 2021, says Mamata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

ON a day Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced extension in free foodgrains to PMGKAY beneficiaries till November 2020, West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** also said her government would give free ration to people till June 2021. "We will give free ration till June 2021. The quality of ration is better than that of the Centre," the CM said minutes after Modi's address to the nation.

She also claimed that only 60 per cent people in the state get central ration.

Earlier, the Prime Minister said the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana's free food grain (5 kg wheat/rice per person and 1 kg gram per family) benefited 80 crore Indians since March during the countrywide lockdown.

Priority to high-risk patients, Covid warriors when vaccine is ready: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday presided over a high-level meeting to firm up the protocol for the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccination whenever it is available with priority for the corona warriors and vulnerable sections.

The Prime Minister spelt out four guiding principles for the rollout of the vaccination programme, with the first priority to be given for the vulnerable groups. Modi told the senior officials that the vulnerable groups should be identified and prioritised for early vaccination, which should include doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, non-medical frontline corona warriors, besides those who are at the high risks. Prime Minister also directed that detailed planning for such large scale vaccination should be undertaken immediately.

In the meeting which was attended by the NITI Aayog Member V K Paul, Prime Minister underlined that vaccination of "anyone, anywhere" should take place, which would essentially mean that it should be universally accessible. No issues, including imposition of any domicile related restrictions for getting the vaccine, should impede the access of the vaccine for the people, added the Prime Minister.

"The vaccination must be affordable and universal. No person should be left out of the vaccination. Also, the entire process from production to vaccination should be monitored and supported in real time with the use of technology," Prime Minister remarked.

The high-level meeting took stock of key issues concerning the roll out of the vaccine, which included management of medical supply chains, coordination between different agencies involved in the process, besides the role of the private sector and civil society.

The current status of vaccine development efforts were also reviewed at the meeting.

The entire process from production to vaccination should be monitored and supported in real time with the use of technology

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Shri R S Sharma (Chairman, TRAI)

PM Narendra Modi chairs a high-level meeting to review planning for vaccination against Covid-19 in New Delhi on Tuesday | PTI

LAC STAND-OFF

Ban on apps to hit Indian jobs: China

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THE ban would affect not only the employment of local Indian workers who supported the apps, but also the interests of Indian users and the employment and livelihoods of many creators and entrepreneurs," the Chinese statement read.

Spokesperson Ji Rong hoped India would acknowledge the mutually beneficial nature of bilateral ties. "India must treat all investments and service providers equally, and create an open, fair and just business environment, while bearing in mind the fundamental interests of both sides and the overall interests of bilateral relations," it read.

Hu Xijin, editor of *Global Times*, tweeted: "Well, even if Chinese people want to boycott Indian products, they can't really find many Indian goods. Indian friends, you need to have some things that are more important than nationalism." India had banned 59 Chinese apps saying they were 'prejudicial to the integrity and sovereignty of India'.

'Indian start-ups with major Chinese share should be investigated'

KUMAR VIKRAM @New Delhi

LAUDING India's move of banning 59 Chinese applications, RSS-affiliate Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM) said that it is a victory of all Indians who have been fighting for country's security. It also said that Indian start-ups having major Chinese investment should also be shown the way out.

SJM co-convener Ashwani Mahajan said, "Privacy of people is very significant. Data theft endangers the religious and social fabric of the country. It is important that government and security agencies have also admitted that they (Chinese apps) are engaged in activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India and security of state."

"Indian start-ups, if they have dominant Chinese investment, then they are no different from Chinese. If there is a possibility, Indian funds can be encouraged. Major Chinese investments may be discouraging Indian funds in these start-ups," Mahajan added.

Traders association Confederation of All India traders (CAIT) has also urged the Prime Minister that investments made by Chinese companies in various Indian start-ups should also be investigated.

Raising the issue, CAIT General Secretary Praveen Khandelwal said that now the government has taken several decisive steps to implement Prime Minister's 'Vocal on Local' and 'Atamnirbhar Bharat'.

"Now it is for the people to take a pledge not to buy any Chinese goods," Khandelwal said.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh top functionary Bhaiyaji Joshi, speaking on Chintan — an India Foundation platform had said that the call to boycott Chinese goods will only intensify in the days to come.

Traders across the country have started taking a pledge not to sell Chinese goods, so now it is time for the people to take the same pledge too—Praveen Khandelwal, CAIT general secretary

Focus on handling row with China: Sena to Centre

Mumbai: The Shiv Sena on Tuesday said people were fed up of the war of words between the BJP and Congress over the border standoff with China, and the government should focus on handling the row with the neighbouring country and the coronavirus crisis. An editorial in Sena mouthpiece 'Saamana' said "China has been adamant and will never change", It also said "China is intruding in the Galwan valley and making unauthorised constructions".

U'khand okays forest land transfer for road works

Dehradun: Amid heightened tensions between India and China, the Uttarakhand government has approved transfer of 73.36 hectares of forest land in the protected Gangotri National Park for construction of strategic roads near China border. The roads, to be constructed by the Central Public Works Department, will considerably reduce the distance to the border and facilitate the movement of ITBP personnel and Army soldiers, who at present have to walk 15-25 km to reach their posts in remote border areas.

Cong lashes out at PM for shying away from speaking on India-China clash

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

ATTACKING Prime Minister Narendra Modi for staying away from mentioning anything about ongoing tension at the India-China border in Ladakh, the Congress on Tuesday said that he is too afraid to even talk about it in his national address.

"We're glad to hear that PM Modi has heeded the advice of Congress President Sonia Gandhi to extend the provisions of providing free food to the poor. Forget condemning China, the PM is too afraid to even talk about it in his national address. Another national address that could have been a government notification," said the party.

In a poetic response, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi questioned PM's leadership.

"Don't beat about the bush, tell us who snatched our land. We have no grudge against those who stole what is ours, but we have questions about your leadership," he said.

The party has questioned the government's denial of Chinese transgression and demanded that the PM should speak the truth. The party further said that people had hoped that PM would look China in the eye and gather the courage for some tough talk.

"It was all much ado about nothing. In short that sums up PM's address. Despite all the euphoria and massive build up, in his 17-minute long speech PM made, what at best is an administrative decision," said party spokesperson Supriya Shrinate.

Stand-off may stretch into winter

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"CONCENTRATION and mobilisation of troops hasn't shown any sign of abating," said another source and predicted the stand-off stretching 'well into the winter'.

Terming it precautionary deployment, Lt Gen (Retd) D S Hooda, former chief of the Northern Command, said it is not a preparation for war. "There would be attempts to strengthen the defensive posture in other sectors, which would lead to corresponding deployment on both the sides," said Lt Gen Hooda. The defence of Ladakh is under the 14 Corps of the Army which is part of the Northern Command.

The deployments are seen as preparations so as to not get surprised by Chinese manoeuvers. During the several rounds of talks, India and China had identified 23 sensitive points across the 3,488 km-long LAC.

Ladakh has several sensitive areas — from Trig heights, DBO and Depsang. The Galwan Valley, Spangur Gap, Pangong Tso and Demchok (Chushul and Chumar) are among the other sensitive areas.

PROBE ORDERED

A magisterial probe has been ordered on Tuesday into the self-immolation attempt by an unemployed youth in front of official residence of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in Raipur.

2 POLICEMEN SHOT DEAD IN HARYANA'S SONEPAT

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Srinagar	33	15	Chandigarh	39	29

Rules for green clearance under lens

Minister for minimising environment clearance conditions for non-coal mining projects

RICHA SHARMA @New Delhi

IN a move towards possible dilution of green clearance, an expert panel of the environment ministry discussed "reducing" conditions for environment clearance imposed on non-coal mining projects.

The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) on non-coal mining, in a meeting on June 12, informed the members that Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar directed to "workout practically implementable, monitorable and feasible and also minimise the number of environment clearance (EC) conditions" for non-coal mining projects.

Back in January 2019, the ministry had come up with standard EC conditions to expedite green clearance for ensuring ease of doing business. Later, the Quality Council of India (QCI) analysed the conditions and filed a report. The ministry has been issuing standard environment conditions for various sectors.

"After detailed deliberations, the EAC expressed that the EC conditions shall be reduced to the extent possible, the conditions which are relevant and specific to the project only shall be prescribed. The conditions shall be monitorable and quantifiable for effective compliance," read the minutes of the meeting.

It, however, said wherever forestland or wildlife issue is involved, the clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act and Wildlife (Protection) Act shall be in place before appraisal of the project. Conditions such as compliance with the provisions of other Acts, rules, regulations, permissions, clearances, NoCs and authorisations shall not be prescribed as these compliances any way shall have to comply with the project proponents, it noted.

The committee is of the view that mitigation measures can be avoided if a list of quantifiable measures is available in the environment management plan as a separate chapter or part. "Impact of mining activities on habitation within 500m from the lease boundary, and action taken by project proponents for mitigation of the same needs special mention," said the committee.

All panel members were asked to work out on the monitorable conditions by the next meeting based on the reference of standard conditions, analysis of the QCI and learnings during the deliberations.

Scrap EIA draft or environment's sake: Activists

After getting extension in duration for receiving public comments on the controversial draft Environment Impact Assessment 2020 on court's intervention, environmentalists have now demanded scrapping of the policy for it is detrimental to environment.

EX-DGP

'Geelani was flown on plane for medical aid'

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

FORMER Jammu and Kashmir DGP S P Vaid on Tuesday alleged that previous governments had given preferential treatment to separatist Syed Ali Geelani, who resigned from the All-Party Hurriyat Conference on Monday.

Talking to this newspaper, Vaid said when he was injured in a militant attack on March 23, 1999 when he was DIG Baramulla, he was shifted to army hospital in Srinagar and later his family took him to Delhi, where he underwent treatment. "We were left to fend for ourselves for treatment in Delhi."

In contrast, when Geelani used to fall ill, the government used to airlift him to Mumbai in special planes.

He said when Geelani was diagnosed with malignancy during his detention in Ranchi jail in 2003, he was flown to Mumai hospital on a state plane. Geelani, Vaid said, was again flown to Mumbai from Srinagar in 2007. "See how our soldiers are treated. Is this fair?" he asked. Vaid called Geelani "the Akka of separatism, motivator of terrorists and the Pakistan ISI's pointman in the valley."

Not using Marathi can result in no increment for state govt officials

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA government officials now risk losing their annual increment if they fail to use the Marathi language in official communications henceforth.

If the officials do not use Marathi as part of their daily work, then negative remarks will be made in their annual confidence reports and even increment will be held back as part of the disciplinary action, says a circular issued by the Marathi Language Department on Monday.

Use of Marathi in government communications is already compulsory. However, according to the circular, it has been noticed that many officers are not using the language as part of government correspondence. "The government has earlier issued several circulars regarding making Marathi a compulsory language, but the officers are giving priority to English as the language for internal communication. This is causing a communication gap between the common people and the government. We have to use 100 per cent Marathi," stated the circular.

It also pointed out that the websites of many government departments are only in English and need to be changed into Marathi, the state's official language. "If a government officer fails to implement this order, disciplinary action will be taken against the errant officer. The state government will also withhold the annual increment of that person. And even negative marking will be done in his service book for violation of the government order," said Rajshree Bapat, desk officer, Marathi Language Department.

> **If a government officer fails to implement this order, disciplinary action will be taken against the errant officer**
>
> Senior official

The circular stated that the use of Marathi will make it easier for the common people to understand the government's welfare schemes and avail their benefits. It will also create more awareness about any campaign initiated by the state government.

The Shiv Sena, an ally in the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi, is a votary of the use of Marathi in official communication.

Under the scheme, food per plate is priced at ₹10, which is now down to ₹5

Maha food scheme serves 1 cr people

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA CM Uddhav Thackeray's flagship Shiv Bhojan scheme served over one crore plates of food to migrant workers and destitute people during the lockdown.

The scheme was started in the state on the occasion of Republic Day to provide food at discounted rates to the poor and needy.

In the past, Uddhav has harped on the scheme saying it helped the poor. There are 848 centres functioning under the scheme, which is being extended to *taluka* level.

As per the Food and Civil Supplies Department, 79,918 plates of food were served in January, 4. 67 lakh in February, 5.78 lakh in March, 24.99 lakh in April. The next two months saw the demand shoot up to 33.84 lakh and 29.91 lakh in the state.

Following the Covid induced lockdown, the price of Shiv Bhojan was slashed down to ₹5 per plate from ₹10. "The Food and Civil Supplies Department monitored and managed the scheme in an efficient manner during this difficult time. All staff and worked diligently," Uddhav said.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, meanwhile, issued the guidelines that food supply contracts will be allotted through e-tender instead of e -quotations. This was after allegation that the BMC was allotting contracts to those with links to the Shiv Sena leadership.

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> Uddhav Thackeray, Maharahtra CM

EXPRESS READ

'Time to speak on J&K's special status'

Srinagar: National Conference leader Aga Ruhullah urged Kashmir politicians to keep aside aspirations of power and instead fight for restoration of J&K's special status. "Politics is not only for power. This is the time when people need us and we have to behave like leaders and activists," he said, adding that the politicians should be even prepared for jail.

Assam prohibits use of spiked bits on horses

Guwahati: The Assam government has banned the use of spiked bits — harnesses or yokes with spikes, knobs or projections or any sharp tackle — on animals. The order was issued based on a complaint by the PETA-India. The group had pointed out the rampant use of spikes on horses and ponies although these were banned under the Prevention of Cruelty to Draught and Pack Animals Rules.

'Law and order is much better in Nagaland'

GUWAHATI: Breaking his silence over Governor RN Ravi's stinging letter to him, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio claimed law and order situation was vastly improved in Nagaland compared to the years preceding the Centre's signing of ceasefire agreements with insurgents in the 1960s and 1990s.

Nagaland was awarded the Best Performing Small State in Law and Order' in 2018 and 2019 by The India Today Group, he said, adding that it was testimony to the improved situation.

The CM said after the letter was written on June 16, the Cabinet held a meeting at the Raj Bhawan on June 19 where the Governor read the letter in front of everyone. Deputy CM Y Patton, who is also the state Home Minister, briefed Ravi on the law and order scenario, Rio sad.

In the letter, Ravi had spokenn about how organised armed gangs were brazenly challenging the state government. *ENS*

Assam: Flood claims 3 more lives, affects over 14 lakh people in 2,000 plus villages

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THREE more people died as the flood situation in Assam with the casualties reported from Barpeta and Dibrugarh districts. With these, the toll rose to 27. Twenty-three others were killed in landslides earlier.

According to Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), over 14.93 lakh people were affected in 2,235 villages and localities across 23 districts. Standing crop was affected in areas of over 75,700 hectares. The deluge was triggered by the monsoon rains.

> **I urge everyone to drive slow while crossing Kaziranga. Due to heavy rainfall, animals are coming out of Forest area, so let's be proactive while driving**
>
> Hima Das, Sprinter

Almost all major rivers, including Brahmaputra, Burhi Dihing, Dhansiri, Jia Bharali, Kopili and Puthimari, were in a spate, flowing above danger level, the ASDMA said.

Floodwater breached river embankments and damaged bridges and roads. Dibrugarh town is under floodwater for the past five days. At Guijan in Tinsukia district, families were shifted to safer locations.

Authorities set up 265 relief camps in 21 districts where 25,461 people were taking shelter.

The Kaziranga National Park and Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary were partially inundated. Fourteen animals — one rhino and 13 hog deer — died due to various reasons including flood and vehicle hits in Kaziranga. A national highway passes beside the park, famous for its one-horned rhinos.

Boys use a bamboo raft to move across the flooded Baghmari village near Kaziranga in Nagaon district of Assam | PTI

WATER

Yogi launches scheme for Bundelkhand

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UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday launch the '*Har Ghar Jal*' (piped water to every house) campaign at Bundelkhand.

The project — linked to the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' — is estimated to cost ₹10,131 crore.

Bundelkhand and Vindhya regions will be covered by this project in the first phase at a cost of ₹2,185 crore. A population of 14 lakh in Mahoba, Lalitpur and Jhansi will benefit from the project.

Bundelkhand is prone to droughts and availability of drinking water is a major issue in the region. "On the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the chief minister had asked officials to ensure every house gets piped water facility, especially in regions where groundwater is contaminated with fluoride and arsenic," a government spokesman had said.

In parched Budelkhand, wells and hand-pumps drying up and water table receding is not new. The few water sources that remain sometimes become the cause of violence among the people in the region. Though there are five rivers, most of them have seen a depletion in water over the years.

Chouhan delaying Cabinet expansion?

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TUESDAY marked the 100 day of the Shivraj Singh Chouhan -led BJP government, which remained tight-lipped about details of the second round of Cabinet expansion.

While some BJP sources were confident that the expansion with induction of about two dozen ministers would happen in a couple of days, others said the suspense isn't likely to be over soon as the BJP brass is not okaying many names suggested in the CM's list.

Party insiders confided to *TNIE* that the "main hurdle" was caused by names of some multiple-time legislators who were ministers during Chouhan's earlier stint as CM.

The BJP brass wants more fresh faces and also wants to give chance to other MLAs who haven't got chance in the ministerial team in the past. A key source said the CM's insistence on including members of his previous government, including Bhupendra Singh, Rampal Singh and Rajendra Shukla, wasn't approved by the central leadership. It is also looking for more caste and regional balance in the team, the source said.

Further, there is pressure from Jyotiraditya Scindia to allot at least 11 berths.

Sources said one faction of BJP is in favour of creating the post of deputy CM for the present home and health minister Narottam Mishra, who played a key role in the fall of the Congress government in March.

People should exercise caution, says PM

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"KEEPING in mind that requirement as well as expenditure increase during this time, the government has decided to extend PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana till Deepawali and Chhath Puja. The scheme will continue to remain applicable from July till the end of November," the PM said.

Chhath Puja is widely celebrated in Bihar and the adjoining districts in Uttar Pradesh. If the Bihar Assembly elections is held on time, it would see multiple phases of polling during October-November. The Nitish Kumar government in the state has already claimed that more than 20 lakh migrants took special trains to return to their respective villages. Many of them could stay back due to the agrarian and festival season, and influence the state poll campaign as well. Nitish had sought extension of the free food grains scheme for a few more months.

Modi also advised people to exercise caution to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, while asking local authorities to take measures to ensure people do wear masks. He also gave an account of the pro-poor measure taken by the government.

Worry over flouting norms

"Ever since Unlock-1, there is increasing negligence in personal and social behaviour... Those not following rules need to be stopped & cautioned, be it a village pradhan or the PM," Modi said

RANCHI DIARY

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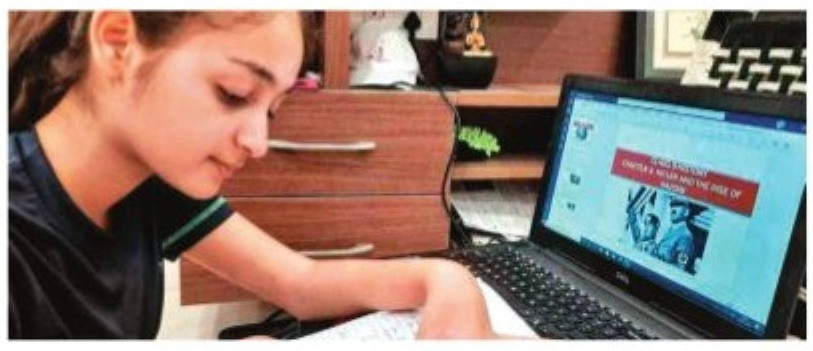
Only 35% children have access to online classes

As per the data available with the government, over 65 per cent students enrolled with government schools have no access to the online classes in Jharkhand. According to official, only 33 per cent of 42 lakh students are connected through WhatsApp for online classes in the state while rest of the 67 per cent students are still deprived of it as they do have access to smart phones. To facilitate educational activities for students at their homes during lockdown, digital classes were started, which uses WhatsApp as a platform for imparting lessons to students online during the lockdown.



CCL contributes ₹20-crore to fight Covid-19

Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited, making its contribution to the State Disaster Management Authority to fight against Covid-19, handed over a cheque of ₹20 crore to Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren. In addition to that, more than ₹1.3 crore has been given to district administrations of all the 8 districts in CCL command areas under corporate social responsibility programme. Expressing gratitude at the 'social initiative' taken by the coal company, Soren said that everyone has a responsibility towards the society and the need of the hour was to work in tandem among all government and voluntary institutions to fight against the infection. CCL is a Category-I Mini-Ratna Company since October 2007.

'Magic collars' to protect stray animals

Dogs and cattle stray animals are being tagged with reflective collars in Jamshedpur for avoiding road mishaps. Jharkhand Animal Welfare Society, in collaboration with Ranchi-based animal welfare organisation Mission Fast (Feed a Stray) and Pawsitivity of Indore has come up with this initiative. Society president Arun Kumar Jha said, with the increasing number of accidents with stray animals, they decided to come to the rescue of the stray animals. According to Jha, they wanted streets to be safer for the four-legged ones as the rate of accidents is high during hours of poor visibility.

Home delivery of liquor to be discontinued

Jharkhand, which was the first state to introduce home delivery of liquor through Zomato and Swiggy, is likely to discontinue the facility as it is not getting much response. Officials in Excise department informed that consumption of liquor still being a taboo in Indian society and the people are reluctant to place on-line orders in front of their family members and prefer to get it directly from the retail wine shops. Notably, to avoid unwanted crowding at liquor shops, Jharkhand government has roped in food start-ups like Swiggy and Zomato to deliver liquor at people's doorsteps in some big cities like Ranchi.

BEIJING PASSES NATIONAL SECURITY LAW FOR HONG KONG

Outlaws subversion, secession; allows cases to be tried in mainland

A woman walks past a promotional banner of the national security law for Hong Kong, in semi-autonomous territory, on Tuesday | AP

HONG KONG

CHINA imposed a sweeping national security law on Hong Kong on Tuesday, dramatically tightening its grip on the semi-autonomous city in a historic move decried by Western nations as a threat to the financial hub's freedoms.

Described by Beijing as a "sword" hanging over the heads of those endangering national security, the law took effect hours after it was signed by President Xi Jinping and just six weeks since it was first unveiled.

Fed up with pro-democracy protests that rocked the city last year, China's top lawmaking body enacted the legislation following closed-door deliberations that kept details secret until its passage.

The law gives Beijing jurisdiction over "very serious" national security crimes, with offenders facing up to life in prison, according to the text published late Tuesday.

The controversial law also empowers China to set up a national security agency in the city, staffed by officials who are not bound by local law when carrying out duties.

The new suite of powers radically restructures the relationship between Beijing and Hong Kong, toppling the legal firewall that has existed between the city's independent judiciary and the mainland's party-controlled courts.

The law outlaws four types of national security crimes: subversion, secession, terrorism and colluding with foreign forces to endanger national security. The text gave three scenarios when China might take over a prosecution — complicated foreign interference cases, "very serious" cases and when national security faces "serious and realistic threats".

Cases can be passed to mainland China for prosecution by the Supreme People's Procuratorate and the trial will be in the Supreme Court.

Serious offenders can face 10 years to life in prison, "no matter whether violence has been used, or the threat of violence used", the law declared.

The law also said certain national security cases could be held behind closed doors without juries in Hong Kong if they contained state secrets, although the verdict and eventual judgements would be made public.

"It's a fundamental change that dramatically undermines both the local and international community's confidence towards Hong Kong's 'One Country, Two Systems' model and its status as a robust financial centre," Hong Kong political analyst Dixon Sing told *AFP*. *AFP*

This law risks seriously undermining the high degree of autonomy of Hong Kong and having a detrimental effect on the independence of the judiciary and rule of law, and we deplore this decision

Charles Michel,
European Council President

It is regrettable that the national security law was enacted despite strong concerns shared among the international society and the people of Hong Kong. It will undermine trust for the principle of 'one country, two systems'

Toshimitsu Motegi,
Japan's Foreign Minister

China promised that Hong Kong would remain unchanged for 50 years. The adoption of the National Security Law makes people feel that this commitment is indeed a blow to public confidence. We are disappointed that China cannot fulfill its commitments, which also proves that the 'one country, two systems' is not feasible

Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan's President

Europe opens doors, but not for US, India

BRUSSELS

Europe on Tuesday reopened to visitors from 14 countries but not the US, where some of the states that pushed hardest and earliest to reopen their economies are now in retreat because of an alarming surge in confirmed coronavirus infections.

The European Union's decision came a day after Arizona Governor. Doug Ducey closed bars, gyms, movie theaters and water parks, and officials in Republican and Democratic strongholds alike mandated the wearing of masks.

The EU extended its ban on visitors not just from the US, but from China and from countries such as Russia, Brazil and India where infections are running high. Britain dropped out of the EU in January and maintains its own rules, requiring arriving travellers to go into 14-day self-quarantine.

President Donald Trump suspended the entry of most Europeans in March.

American make up a big share of Europe's tourism industry, and summer is a key period. More than 15 million Americans travel to Europe each year, while some 10 million Europeans head across the Atlantic.

The news was a blow to revenue-starved shopkeepers hoping for a summertime boom.

Across the English Channel, things are also headed in reverse in places.

Britain reimposed a lockdown in Leicester, which officials said, accounted for 10 per cent of all new cases in the nation last week. *AP*

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DEMAND NOTICE

Reg: Notice issued under Sec 13 [2] of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 [SARFAESI Act] for recovery of dues in the loan a/c of **M/s J Deepak Sai Enterprises** sent to the below mentioned:

(1).M/s.J Deepak Sai Enterprises, Adhihalli Village, Shanthi Grama Post, Hassan-573201, **(2).Mr.Jayarama C (Proprietor)** S/o Late Chikkegowda, Adhihalli Village, Shanthi Grama Post, Hassan-573201, **(3).Mrs.Shantha (Guarantor)** W/o Late B Ganesh P 118, 4th Cross, Near Ankala Parameshwari Temple, Nagappa Block, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021 **(4).Mrs.Neevana (Guarantor)** W/o Mr.Jayarama C, Adhihalli Village, Shanthi Grama Post, Hassan-573201.

Whereas you have committed default in repayment of loans in the above mentioned loan account to the secured creditor bank, the Bank had issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **12.03.2020** calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs. 45,35,054.10 (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Fifty Four and Ten Paise only)**.

Whereas the notices sent to No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of you by Regd. Post/Courier have been returned unserved. You are hereby called upon to visit the bank and obtain copy of the notice in your own interest in order to note the full particulars of the loan dues, securities charged to the bank etc.

You are hereby called upon to pay the amount as shown above together with interest from till date of payment within 60 days from the date of the notice failing which, the secured creditor Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of the secured assets hypothecated/ mortgaged to the bank as mentioned below, as per the provisions of SARFAESI Act.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS: Schedule-A: Land and Building bearing Assessment No.214, Old Khatha No.134, Old Assessment No.63/1A, Situated in Site No.25, near Hotel Agarwal, Dasanpura Village, Dasanpura Panchayath and Hobli, Bangalore measuring 1200 sq feet bounded on; East by: Road, West By: Site No.28, North by: Site No.26 and South by: Site No.24.

Schedule-B: All that piece and parcel of Residential Site and Building bearing BBMP PID No.8-11-7, New Khatha No.7, Old Khatha No.250 Situated at 4th Cross Road, Nagappa Block, Ward No.8, Gayathri Nagar, Bangalore measuring 1200 sq feet bounded: East by: Property of T S Thimmayya, West By: Site No.23, North By: Road and South By: Site No.38.

DESCRIPTION OF THE HYPOTHECATED ASSETS: Entire Stock in the business premises of the firm.

Date : 15.06.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 10/2020-2021/SDO/Dated:30.06.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu Scheduled tender through online only will be received **upto 03.08.2020 - 11.00 hours (a.m.)** by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Salem Circle for the work of **Construction of Bridge at Km.8/10 of Pallapatty - Aravakuruchi (via) Esanatham - Gujiliamparai Road in Erode Division** under **NABARD RIDF XXV - 2019-20 - 40 Bridges** pertaining **Erode (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from the Government web site **http://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website(s) only.

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DEMAND NOTICE

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/s **1. Smt. L. Kalpana,** W/o Sri. G.J. Siddappa, No. 17/2, 2nd Floor, 7thTemple Street, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560 003. **Also at:- Smt. L. Kalpana,** W/o Sri. G.J. Siddappa, A I M S, B.G. Nagar, Bellur Cross, Nagamangala Taluk, – 571 432, Mandya District. **2. Sri. G.J. Siddappa,** S/o Sri. Jayaramegowda, No. 17/2, 2nd Floor, 7th Temple Street, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560 003. **Also at:- Sri. G.J. Siddappa,** Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer No. 3.L.P. Sub-Division, BDA Kumarapark, Bangalore - 560020.
has defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by him from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice were issued to him under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-Construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last Known addresses, but they have been returned un-served and as such he is hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower	Details of Properties/Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of Notice	Date of NPA	Amount Outstanding (As on the date of notice)
1. Smt. L. Kalpana, W/o Sri. G.J. Siddappa, **2. Sri. G.J. Siddappa,** S/o Sri. Jayaramegowda, **Account No. HTL-640132 81015**	**SCHEDULE "A"** All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Vacant Site No.17 Khatha No.292/1-92/17, formed out of Converted survey No.92, situated at Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring east to West : 90'-0" (Ninety feet), North to South :90'-9" (Ninety feet Nine inches), totally 8167.5 sq. feet, and bounded on : East by : Property bearing Survey No.92, belongs to Sri. Kamala Babu, West by: Property bearing Survey No.92, previously belongs to Smt. Meena Goenka, presently owned by Sri. Devadas, North by: Road South by: Property belongs to Sri. Thammaiah and sri. Ramachandra. **SCHEDULE"B"** Undivided share of right, title and interest in the Schedule A property, measuring 333.88 sq. feet, hereby conveyed to the purchaser. **SCHEDULE "C"** All the part and parcel of Apartment Flat bearing No. SF type -2 in the second floor, measuring 1114 Sq. Ft. of super built up area, containing two bed rooms, hall cum living, kitchen, Bath Room, of vitrified tiles and ceramic tiles flooring, Aluminum/steel Windows, Sal Wood Frames and Flush doors, in the apartment known as " PRANAAM RESIDENCY" constructed on the schedule of A property hereto and the exclusive right to own one together with one covered Car parking space, in the basement along with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, terrace staircase and lift and other areas of common use with concealed wiring together with specification standing in the names of Smt. L. Kalpana W/o Sri. G.J. Siddappa and bounded on the: East by: Property bearing Survey No. 92 belonging to Sri. Kamala Babu, West by: Property bearing Survey No.92, previously belonging to Smt. Meena Goenka, presently owned by Sri. Devadas, North by : Road, South by: Property belonging to Sri. Thammaiah and Sri. Ramachandra. (Sale Deed dated 05.03.2007 has been registered in favour of Smt. L. Kalpana in Book No.1 under Document No.YAN-1-27644-2006-07 stored in CD No.YAND277 at Office of the Office of Sub Registrar, Yalahanka dated 05.03.2007.)	08.06.2020	22.02.2020	**Rs. 8,01,819.00** (Rupees Eight Lakh One Thousand Eight Hundred nineteen only) as on - **02.06.2020 +** interest from **03.06.2020** Cost & Expenses

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) is hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Re-Construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Date : 30.06.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India

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e-Auction Notification

Of "Gopalagowda, Millagatta S. No. 104 Rehabilitation (Anandarao Layout), Gopala 2nd Stage and Swami Vivekananda (Gaadikoppa) Layout' residential and commercial corner/ intermediate sites formed by the Authority in Shivamogga City.

Sl. No.	Details	Time schedule	Remarks
1	Date of commencement and end of e-procurement process:	From 06.07.2020 to 28.07.2020.	There is no need for a 'digital key' to participate in the e-auction. You can register from your e-mail and participate in the auction.
2	Last date to express interest to participate in the e-auction	On 28.07.2020 till 5.00 PM	
3	Date of starting of direct bidding in e-auction	On 31.07.2020 after 10.00 AM	For more details in participating in the auction and sites, contact the e-procurement portal : https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
4	Last date for concluding the e-auction	On 31.07.2020 at 5.30 PM. (delta time 5.00 minutes)	

The EMD to be paid for participating in e-auction is Rs 50,000/- per site.

Minimum bid change amount: Rs 1,000/-

Sl No.	Site No.	Measurement in meters		Measure-ment in sq. meters.	Minimum cost as per Dy.Sub Registrar (Rs in lakhs)	Details of sites.
		width	length			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Gopala Gowda (Gopala) Layout				
1	C-113	(6.35+9.75)/2	(9.05+9.65)/2	72.76	11.21	Residential Corner Site
2	C-341	(4.50+3.70)/2	9.00	36.83	5.68	Residential Intermediate Site
		Millagatta S No. 104 Rehabilitation Layout (Anandarao Layout)				
3	2	(6.10+5.40)/2	18.40	105.76	10.48	Residential Corner Site
4	3	(6.40+6.00)/2	18.50	114.62	11.35	Residential Corner Site
5	4	(5.70+6.50)/2	19.00	115.78	11.47	Residential Corner Site
6	5	5.3	9.20	48.76	4.83	Residential Corner Site
		Gopala 2nd Stage				
7	59	(11.50+14.50)/2	(9.00+12.00)/2	134.15	11.81	Residential Intermediate Site
8	60-A	(5.50+9.00)/2	(9.00+10.00)/2	67.19	5.92	Residential Intermediate Site
9	66	6.00	9.00	54.00	4.76	Residential Intermediate Site
10	67	6.00	9.00	54.00	4.76	Residential Intermediate Site
11	87	9.00	12.00	108.00	9.51	Residential Intermediate Site
12	104	9.00	12.00	108.00	9.51	Residential Intermediate Site
13	138	9.00	11.60	104.40	9.19	Residential Intermediate Site
14	146	(34.00+37.00)/2	(16.00+0.00)/2	271.78	23.92	Residential Intermediate Site
15	147	(7.00+29.40+4.00)/3	(16.60+24.00)/2	333.30	29.34	Residential Intermediate Site
16	148	9.00	(16.60+16.40)/2	148.5	13.07	Residential Intermediate Site
17	149	9.00	(16.40+16.25)/2	146.97	12.94	Residential Intermediate Site
18	151	9.00	16.10	144.90	12.76	Residential Intermediate Site
19	153	9.00	16.00	144.00	12.68	Residential Intermediate Site
		Swami Vivekananda (Gaadikoppa) Layout				
20	B/C-1	(1.00+19.60)/2	(30.60+35.00)/2	310.57	55.66	Corner Commercial Site
21	B/C-2	12.00	18.00	216.00	38.71	Intermediate Commercial Site
22	B/C-3	12.00	18.00	216.00	38.71	Intermediate Commercial Site
23	B/C-4	(16.30+12.00)/2	18.00	251.48	45.07	Corner Commercial Site
24	B/C-5	12.00	(16.30+18.00)/2	204.83	36.71	Intermediate Commercial Site
25	B/C-6	(12.50+2.30)/2	(18.00+27.40)/2	126.19	22.62	Corner Commercial Site
26	B/C-7	(14.30+1.60)/2	(24.00+25.10)/2	186.56	33.44	Intermediate Commercial Site
27	B/C-8	(16.60+6.00)/2	(12.00+15.00)/2	126.83	22.73	Corner Commercial Site
28	B/C-9	9.00	12.00	108.00	19.36	Corner Commercial Site
29	B/C-10	(15.40+20.50)/2	(15.00+0.00)/2	115.05	20.62	Corner Commercial Site
30	C-94	6.10	9.00	54.90	7.73	Residential Intermediate Site
31	C-101(C)	(3.20 +16.32)/2	(9.00+16.90)/2	89.17	13.21	Residential Corner Site
32	C-101(D)	(6.20+18.2)/2	(9.00+15.00)/2	109.80	15.46	Residential Corner Site
33	C-194	(4.40+2.50)/2	(9.00+9.20)/2	31.16	4.39	Residential Corner Site
34	C-205	6.00	9.00	54.00	7.61	Residential Intermediate Site
35	C-209	6.10	9.00	54.90	7.73	Residential Intermediate Site
36	C-240(G)	5.30	9.00	47.70	6.72	Residential Intermediate Site
37	C-240(H)	5.30	9.00	47.70	6.72	Residential Intermediate Site
38	C-240(P)	(3.20+6.00)/2	9.00	40.62	5.72	Residential Intermediate Site
39	C-242	6.00	9.00	54.00	7.61	Residential Intermediate Site
40	C-249	6.20	9.00	55.80	7.86	Residential Intermediate Site
41	C-250	6.20	9.00	55.80	7.86	Residential Intermediate Site
42	C-254	6.00	9.00	54.00	7.61	Residential Intermediate Site
43	C-264	6.50	9.00	58.50	8.24	Residential Intermediate Site
44	C-267	6.30	9.00	56.70	7.99	Residential Intermediate Site
45	C-273	6.00	9.00	54.00	7.61	Residential Intermediate Site
46	C-320	6.30	9.00	56.70	7.99	Residential Intermediate Site
47	C-325	9.00	12.00	108.00	15.21	Residential Intermediate Site
48	C-363	8.80	12.00	105.60	14.87	Residential Intermediate Site
49	C-370	12.00	18.00	216.00	30.42	Residential Intermediate Site
50	C Block Commercial	(31.00+20.50)/2	(17.75+0.50)/2	181.03	32.45	Corner Commercial Site
51	C/C-1	(12.90+2)/2	(39.65+37.60+3.50)/2	314.47	56.36	Intermediate Commercial Site
52	C/C-2	(12.00+2.00)/2	(16.60+3.40+14.50)/2	124.86	22.38	Intermediate Commercial Site
53	C/C-3	9.00	(14.50+13.30)/2	124.65	22.34	Intermediate Commercial Site
54	C/C-4	9.00	(13.30+13.15)/2	118.52	21.24	Intermediate Commercial Site
55	C/C-5	9.00	(13.15+11.50)/2	110.37	19.78	Intermediate Commercial Site
56	C/C-6	9.00	(11.50+8.30)/2	87.59	15.70	Intermediate Commercial Site
57	C/C-7	9.00	(8.30+7.00)/2	68.59	12.30	Intermediate Commercial Site
58	C/C-8	18.00	(7.00+3.15)/2	90.10	15.15	Intermediate Commercial Site

Remarks: The measurements are entered in meters, and the area is calculated in square meters through the AutoCAD.
To get more details on e-auction, rules and conditions, visit e-procurement portal : **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. and helpdesk No. 080-25501216 and Authority's Office landline no. 08182-249867, 248215,265990 or visiting the office during office hours.

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Target Price
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EXIDE LIFE INSURANCE NET PROFIT UP 89% AT ₹28.3 CR IN FY20

New Delhi: Exide Life Insurance has registered a 88.7 per cent jump in net profit at ₹28.3 crore for fiscal year ended March 2020. The private sector insurer had registered a net profit of ₹15 crore in fiscal year 2018-19. This is the eighth consecutive year in which the company has reported profit, Exide Life Insurance said in a statement. Gross written premium during the year rose 12 per cent to ₹3,220 crore. The company has continued its emphasis on protection products, resulting in protection business mix increasing from 9 per cent of Annualized Premium Equivalent in FY19 to 11 per cent in FY20, the statement said.

BANKING

COVID-19 MAY SET BACK INDIAN BANKS' RECOVERY BY YEARS: S&P

New Delhi: The pandemic may set back the recovery of India's banking sector by years, which could hit credit flows and, ultimately, the economy, S&P Global Ratings said. The rating agency expects non-performing loans will hit a fresh high, raising credit costs, and putting pressure on ratings. "In our base case, we expect the non-performing loans to shoot up to 13-14 per cent of total loans in the FY21, compared with an estimated 8.5 per cent in the previous fiscal," said credit analyst Deepali Seth-Chhabria. Even as banks would be saddled with a pile of bad loans next year, the effect on finance companies will be more pronounced.

NEW ROLE

V SURYANARAYANAN IS NEW MD OF CHOLA MS GENERAL INSURANCE

Chennai: Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company on Tuesday appointed V Suryanarayanan as new managing director with effect from July 1. He succeeds S S Gopalarathnam, who retired after serving the company for over 41 years. Prior to this, Suryanarayanan was serving the company as its president and chief operating officer. "The best edition of Murugappa Group and Chola MS shall continue even during my reign as the head of the company," the new MD said. The company is a joint venture between Chennai-headquartered Murugappa Group and Japan-based Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company Ltd.

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₹0.05 ▲ Per gm ₹48.55

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Fiscal deficit hits 59% of budgetary target

Data also shows that net tax revenue was ₹33,850 cr, or two per cent of the budget estimates, in April-May period

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INDIA's fiscal deficit for the first two months of the financial year 2020-21 have touched 58.6 per cent of the budget target at ₹4.66 lakh crore, on account of low revenue collection and front loading of expenditure.

Data released by the Controller General of Accounts on Tuesday also shows, revenue deficit for April-May period stands at ₹4.12 lakh crore, as against ₹3.21 lakh crore in the same period last year. The government's fiscal deficit target estimated in the Union Budget 2020-21 was ₹7.96 lakh crore, or 3.5 per cent of the GDP, but due to the slowdown and covid-19 led lockdown, but is likely to be revised due to the impact of the coronavirus-led lockdown in the economy.

Economists had predicted the figures might go up substantially. This was despite the government announcing various measures including cutting many none essential expenditure under several heads, suspending announcement of any new scheme till March 30, 2021. The government has received ₹45,498 crore, till the May, which was 2.03 per cent of the budget estimate. In the same period, total expenditure incurred was ₹5,11,841 crore, which was 16.82 per cent of budget estimate, mainly due to many relief measures announced during the pandemic.

RISE IN BORROWING

Amid falling GDP growth, the Centre has also increased its borrowing ₹12 lakh crore for the year to, as against ₹7.8 lakh crore budgeted earlier

Tax revenues are also a point of concern. Out of the total receipt, net tax revenue was ₹33,850 crore, while non-tax revenue was ₹10,817 crore. Non-debt capital receipts stood at ₹831crore on account of recovery of loans.

Further, the government said it had transferred ₹92,077 crore to the state governments as Devolution of Share of Taxes in this period, which is ₹7,010 crore lower than the previous year. Out of the total expenditure, ₹4,56,635 crore was on revenue account, including ₹78,265 crore on account of interest payments and ₹67,469 crore due to major subsidies, while ₹55,206 crore was on the capital account.

As the natural pace of spending is expected to be high, coupled with subdued revenue, the government had already increased its borrowing for the current year to ₹12 lakh crore against ₹7.8 lakh crore budgeted earlier.

LOWER TRADE DEFICIT

A lower trade deficit ($35 billion) and a sharp rise in net invisible receipts ($35.6 billion) as compared with the year-ago period has led to a surplus in India's current account balance

External debt up 2.8% in March, shows RBI data

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INDIA's external debt till March 2020, rose to $558.5 billion, up by 2.8 per cent on a year-on-year basis, while its current account surplus has gone up by $0.6 billion, data released by the RBI showed.

"At end-March 2020, India's external debt was placed at $558.5 billion, recording an increase of $15.4 billion over its level at end-March 2019," it said. Commercial borrowings remained the largest component of the external debt, with a share of 39.4 per cent, followed by non-resident deposits at 23.4 per cent and short-term trade credit at 18.2 per cent.

Long-term debt, with original maturity of above one year, was placed at $451.7 billion, a rise of $17 billion as compared to March 2019. Short-term debt on residual maturity basis constituted 42.4 per cent of total external debt and 49.5 per cent of foreign exchange reserve at the end of March. "Valuation gains due to the appreciation of the US dollar vis-a-vis Indian rupee and other major currencies were placed at $16.6 billion. Excluding the valuation effect, the increase in external debt would have been $32 billion instead of $15.4 billion at end-March 2020 over end-March 2019," the central bank added.

Besides, the quarterly current account, which measures the difference between the value of a country's imports and exports, has recorded a marginal surplus since the January-March quarter of 2007. It had recorded a deficit of $4.6 billion or 0.7 per cent of GDP in the year-ago period. Lower trade deficit was one of the prime reasons for the improvement in the current account balances both for the March quarter as well as for the whole fiscal year. For FY20, the current account deficit narrowed to 0.9 per cent of the GDP compared to 2.1 per cent in FY19.

Meanwhile, India's forex reserves also increased by $ 59.5 billion during 2019-20.

INDUSTRY

Core sector output shrinks 23.4% in May

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OUTPUT of the eight core infrastructure industries contracted by 23.4 per cent in May, on account of the lockdown imposed to contain the spread of the virus.

All seven sectors — coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, steel, cement, and electricity - had recorded negative growth in May, save for fertiliser, which saw a growth of 7.5 per cent. A massive decline was seen in the steel production — 48.4 per cent, followed by cement at 22.2 per cent, coal production at 14 per cent, electricity at 15.6 per cent and refinery products at 21.3 per cent.

The eight core sectors had expanded by 3.8 per cent in May 2019, the data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry on Tuesday revealed. These eight industries accounts for 40.27 per cent in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

"In view of the lockdown during April and May 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic, various industries - Coal, Cement, Steel, Natural Gas, Refinery, Crude Oil etc experienced substantial loss of production," the ministry said in a statement. However the numbers are better compared to April, when contraction was as high as 37 per cent. During April-May 2020-21, the sectors' output dipped 30 per cent as compared to 4.5 per cent in the year-ago period. ICRA predicts industrial production may see a contraction of 35-45 per cent in May, down from 55.5 per cent in April.

BOYCOTT CHINA

Local apps go vocal as Chinese ones take a hit

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

THE ban on 59 Chinese apps including the popular short video platform, Tik Tok, has seen homegrown apps buzzing in terms of garnering million of downloads and attracting potential investors. Putting their weight behind the 'Local for Vocal' campaign, the app creators have been pledging to replace the Chinese apps and have terming the government's decision to ban Chinese apps as a step in the right direction.

Tik Tok's most fierce Desi rival, Chingari is enjoying the new found fame with massive 2 lakh downloads per hour and a rating of 4.7 on Playstore. Founded in 2018, Chingari' s founder, Sumit Ghosh told *TNIE* that the idea is not to create a Tik Tok replica but generate diverse content with added features like news, chatting etc. "We are planning to scale up the service if we get proper funding," he added.

Roposo, another short video platform, which claims to have 65 million downloads, says, "TikTok users have started switching to Roposo after the ban. Influencers who have switched to Roposo include Prem Vats and Noor Afshan who had fan followings of 9.5 million and 9 million respectively on TikTok. MyGov, the citizen engagement platform founded by the Government of India has already been present on Roposo."

Other homegrown apps such as ShareChat is silently leading a social media revolution. "We will step up our focus on regional outreach keeping our Bharat connect pristine," said Berges Y Malu, director (Public Policy), of the company.

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THE Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) on Tuesday shot off a letter to Finance Minister Nirmala Sithraman, IT and Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal seeking investigation of Chinese investment in Indian companies.

"Chinese companies like Alibaba, Tencent, and others are lead investors in many Indian start-ups and as such it is to be ensured that no foul play is taking place under the garb of investment," CAIT said in the letter. Virtually every unicorn has a sizable Chinese backing. The traders' body highlighted that investment in Indian start-ups including Ola, Flipkart, Paytm Mall, Paytm.com, Swiggy, Hike, OYO, Zomato, Policybazaar, BigBasket, Delhivery, MakeMyTrip, Dream 11, Snapdeal, Udaan, Lenskart.com, Byjus Classes, Citrus Tech, etc needs a thorough evaluation. "We urge that the Chinese companies that have set up their manufacturing plants in India should also be investigated to ensure that the data they have accrued is not sent to China and there is no threat to the security of India," said CAIT secretary general Praveen Khandelwal.

Separately, the Internet Services Providers Association of India (ISPAI) has also called upon the government to ban the websites of of companies who are largely backed by Chinese shareholders. "Data security is a major concern and the Centre needs to do more to send a message to China," Rajesh Chharia, president of ISPAI, said.

Alibaba's B2B portal kept off Indo-China digital war

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

AMIDST heightened tensions between India and China and the subsequent crackdown on 59 Chinese apps , tech giant Alibaba's e-commerce and B2B portal remain safe, atleast for now. The platform, alibaba.com, which started its operations in India in 2008, has millions of registered buyers and sellers in India, according to company data. India ranks second in the top-20 buyer distribution list and first in the top-10 global seller distribution. Currently, Alibaba.com operates with a global network of 150 million registered members, that connects Indian SMEs with global buyers across three major businesses — gems and jewellery, textile and apparel as well as beauty and personal care.

UC WEB BANNED

Alibaba-led e-commerce app, UCWeb has been included in the list of 59 apps, that has been banned by the government

Alibaba had earlier said that it is focused on strengthening its e-commerce ecosystem for the Indian sellers with its exclusive reseller strategy. "Our key focus is to introduce Indian merchants to the world, starting with China and then SE Asia. We are bringing products from Indian SMEs and brands on our platform to consumers not only in India but in China and then SE Asia. We want to give access to some of the best and unique product and content to users globally," the tech behemoth said in a statement.

Alibaba's another e-commerce portal, AliExpress.com has also not been included in the list of banned apps even as the platform was earlier accused of evading custom duties by labeling the products shipped to India as gifts and declaring their prices way below than the average rate. E-commerce portals — Shein and Club Factory — which were also charged with similar offences earlier are now banned.

Blocking set in motion, China Cos to get hearing

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

A "multi-level blocking of access" to the 59 Chinese apps that were banned on Monday has already been initiated by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity), government sources confirmed. Top representatives of these mobile applications will also be allowed a hearing within 48 hours where they will be given an opportunity to offer any clarifications.

The list of apps to be blocked includes highly popular ones such as TikTok, Helo and Clash of Kings.

In the normal course, Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules 2009 require that such an enquiry be conducted by a high-level committee before access is blocked.

However, the order "banning" these apps has been issued under the emergency provisions of the IT Act and the above mentioned rules. Under these, government departments need not wait for the enquiry to begin blocking procedures.

"Apps will be given an opportunity to represent their side, it is the normal process for any matters such as this. But, directions to begin the multi-level blocking process has already begun. First, they will be removed from the App Stores. Then, internet access will be blocked through orders issued to internet service providers (ISP)," said a senior government official.

There had been confusion all through the day on Tuesday due to the active internet access available for these banned apps. But, telecom industry sources confirmed that the DoT had issued late-night directions to all telecom and internet service providers to block internet access to all 59 apps.

On Monday, Meity had issued a statement stating: "(Meity) has received many complaints from various sources including several reports about misuse of some mobile apps... for stealing and surreptitiously transmitting users' data in an unauthorised manner to servers which have locations outside India".

"The compilation of these data, its mining and profiling by elements hostile to national security and defence of India, is a matter of very deep and immediate concern which requires emergency measures," the statement added.

I-T exemption on buying shares in insolvent firms

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IN order to attract more investors, the government has announced exemption in income tax for purchase of shares at rates lower than the market price in companies undergoing insolvency proceedings or whose board has been taken over by the government.

The move is likely to help companies like Yes Bank, IL&FS or those who are undergoing insolvency proceedings. According to a Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) notification, the exemptions would come into effect from April 1, 2020, and shall be applicable for the assessment year 2020-21 and thereafter.

In a separate notification, the government has allowed for tax exemption to people receiving property in unregularised colonies, which are now regularised.

The I-T exemption has been given on any movable property, being unquoted shares, of a company and its subsidiary received by a shareholder, where, the tribunal on an application moved by the central government has suspended the board of directors of such company and has appointed new directors and where the resolution plan has been approved by the tribunal.

Nangia Andersen LLP Partner Suraj Nangia said as per I-T Act, in case shares of a company are received for a consideration less than its fair market value, then shareholder is required to pay tax on such discount.

Petronet LNG Q4 net profit slides 20%

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PETRONET LNG has reported a ₹373.2 crore consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter of financial year 2019-2020. This is lower than the ₹465.38 crore net profit it reported in the comparable quarter of the previous financial year.

In a filing to BSE, the Petronet LNG Board has recommended a final dividend of ₹7 per share, on the face value of ₹10 each, on the equity shares of the company for the financial year 2019-2020. The final dividend is subject to approval of shareholders in the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The consolidated total revenue during the quarter under review stood at₹8,653.63 crore, up from ₹8,534.59 crore in the same period of the last fiscal.

For the full year 2019-2020, the consolidated net profit was reported at ₹2,703.35 crore, up from ₹2,230.56 crore for fiscal 2018-2019. Revenue for the fiscal 2019-2020 was ₹35,815.57 crore, down from ₹3,8841.22 crore.

According to Petronet LNG Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Prabhat Singh said the company is hoping to encourage the adoption of LNG as a long-distance transport fuel in the country.

Covid-19: IndiGo extends leave without pay, Vistara to cut salary

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

EVEN as airlines have resumed commercial operations on domestic routes, they continue to struggle to make payments to its workforce. As per a latest development, India's leading carrier IndiGo has started laying off a certain sections of its employees, beside extending leave without pay for others

Tata Group and Singapore Airlines-backed Vistara is going for a pay cut between 5 and 20 per cent till December this year for around 40 per cent of its employees. An employee at Indigo said that the company has already asked some of its cabin crew members and the ground staff to put in papers.

As per an email communication to employees which was seen by TNIE, the company said, "another 5.5 days of additional LWP to a total of 10 days LWP for a full-time leave program and this would be prorated for other leave programs based on available days... There will also be a salary revision for under training transition captains and transition first officers," said the mail. The airline issued a statement stating the layoff was a temporary measure and "it'll be reviewed basis the changes in our capacity."

Vistara CEO Leslie Thng told employees in an email: "For pilots, we will continue with the reduction of monthly base flying allowance to 20 hours for July to December 2020."

> **From July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, I will take a 20 per cent pay cut and we will be implementing a monthly pay cut scheme for staff (except for pilots)...**
>
> Leslie Thng, CEO, Vistara

Atwal first Indian in PGA action post restart

Arjun Atwal will become the first Indian golfer to compete after the restart of PGA Tour when he tees up at Rocket Mortgage Classic on Thursday. Five players have tested positive since its restart earlier this month. The only Indian to win on the Tour, Atwal has got a start courtesy a sponsor's exemption into the $7.5 million event. Atwal missed the cut in six of the eight starts this season.

Week gone, no IPL deal meeting yet

Governing Council still to review Chinese sponsorship contracts as timeframe set to hold discussion elapses

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A MEETING of the IPL Governing Council scheduled for last week has not taken place. It has been learnt the meeting will happen on a yet undecided date, with a couple of points added to the original agenda of reviewing sponsorship deals. Chinese company Vivo is the IPL's title sponsor. Association with Chinese firms is under scrutiny after unrest at the Tibet border.

"Taking note of the border skirmish that resulted in the martyrdom of our brave jawans, the IPL Governing Council has convened a meeting next week to review IPL's various sponsorship deals," it was tweeted from the official handle @IPL on June 19. Apart from Vivo, IPL has other Chinese companies associated with co-sponsors. The tweet did not mention a date, but it can be noted that a whole week and more has passed since.

The BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and IPL Governing Council chairman Brijesh Patel were not available for comment on the meeting. The BCCI and Vivo signed a five-year contract in 2018 worth ₹2199 crore, which gives the company title sponsorship right from 2018-22. If the contract is terminated before 2022, the BCCI may have to pay a hefty compensation.

Expecting the Covid-19 situation to improve, the BCCI had earlier said it wants to hold the IPL sometime between September and November. In a letter to the state associations on June 10, Ganguly had stated the board is looking for an IPL window later this year, even if it means playing before empty stadia.

However, with no sign of improvement in various parts of the country, the BCCI or the IPL Governing Council is still to take decisive steps towards staging the event. Officials are still eyeing that September-November period, but the spike in the number of positive tests means they have not been able to start working in that direction. No IPL this year will result in a loss of around ₹4000 crore for the BCCI, which will eventually affect everybody including international, domestic players and state associations.

SECRETARY'S TENURE OVER?

Going by the BCCI constitution, secretary Jay Shah's tenure reportedly got over on Tuesday. He completed six years in total as BCCI secretary and joint-secretary of the Gujarat Cricket Association. The constitution says administrators have to take a three-year cooling-off break after six successive years in a state unit and/or BCCI. The rule also means that tenure of president Ganguly ends on July 27 and joint-secretary Jayesh George's term gets over on September 23. The BCCI's appeal at the Supreme Court seeking a revision of the rule is still to come up for hearing.

'A' Tokyo dream starts to ebb as pools remain shut

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

DISAPPOINTMENT, setback, frustration. In a chat with some top swimmers, these words came up frequently. Swimming pools across the country remain closed due to the pandemic, leaving the likes of Virdhawal Khade, Srihari Nataraj and others in a fix. Six swimmers have attained the B qualification mark for Tokyo Olympics. Their goal of achieving the A mark keeps getting distant as swimming facilities stay inaccessible.

Khade feels if pools do not open soon, things will get difficult. "Whenever we start training in the pool, it will be from zero. We will take another five to six months of training to reach the level we were in March or earlier. A couple of months from now, if we are still not in the pool, we may not see anyone (Indian) making the A cut."

Khade attained B qualification mark last year, with a timing of 22.44s in 50m freestyle. Sajan Prakash (200m butterfly, 1:58.45), Srihari (100m backstroke, 54.69s), Kushagra Rawat (800m freestyle, 8:07.99), Aryan Makhija (800m freestyle, 8:07.80) and Advait Page (800m freestyle, 8:00.76) have also achieved the B mark, which does not guarantee a Tokyo ticket. Only an A cut assures that. For Khade the target is 22.01, 1:56:48 for Sajan and 53.85 for Srihari. Rawat, Page and Makhija have to clock 7:54:31.

Among the six, Sajan is the luckiest. He is training in Thailand. "In USA, Australia and also in Europe and other countries, swimmers are training. The rest of the world was already ahead of us when we were at our peak. As we took a few steps back, others are improving," added the 28-year-old, khade who recently pondered retirement. He is still to take a final call.

With stadia and sports complexes opening in some states, other sportsmen have started training. Track and field athletes have started light work at SAI centers. Wrestlers are sparring with dummies. Some cricketers are having nets too.

"I hope the government gives permission to open pools soon. They can at least open for those who are close to achieving Olympic qualification. It is frustrating as other athletes can train, but not swimmers," Srihari said.

The Swimming Federation of India is aware of the problem. Officials are trying to get swimmers back in pool for training, making requests to the government, but to no avail so far. Dronacharya award-winning coach Nihar Ameen still remains positive. "I am hopeful the pools will open and our swimmers can start swimming once again."

Nagal playing for survival in Germany

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WITH Europe slowly emerging from lockdown in phases, live sport is coming back from the wilderness. Even though the Adria Tour faced significant flak, smaller level exhibition events continue to take place. In Germany for instance, a meet took place last weekend in Pinneberg, near Hamburg, where India No 1 Sumit Nagal emerged triumphant against Daniel Masur in the final.

Nagal, the only frontline player from the country who opted to stay put in Europe rather than returning, said he took part in the event ostensibly to keep paying his bills. In an interview with this daily, he spoke about the measures at Pinneberg Tennis Club (some 20 kms north of Hamburg) during the event, how he has been managing his income and why he has no plans to come to India soon. Excerpts:

How has it been like living in Peine (a small town near Hanover), have the effects of the pandemic been felt there?
It has been okay in Peine, it's a small town of only 30,000. I get to stay in the academy (he lives and trains at the Nencel academy), which is one remote corner and nobody comes in except us. So it's the perfect place to train and stay in a situation like this. Around Munich it was pretty bad but overall Germany is not doing too bad at the moment.

When did you come to know of this opportunity?
I have been training since mid April but not played competition tennis in three months. So when a friend told me about this, I signed up. It was a decent field too. It was just me saying, 'let's get out of Peine to play in a tournament', to have a feel of that competitive environment.

What were the measures in place to control the virus?
There were no ball boys, everyone who came was checked (for fever and so on) and everything inside the club was being sanitised regularly. It also helped that there was may be a maximum of 50-60 people inside the club in total so there was no problems in practising physical distancing.

Have you had to dip into your savings yet?
Yes (laughs) a big dip into my savings, let me tell you that. If it goes on like this for the next few months, there won't be any left. It's vital to play a few meets, and that's also why I played here... I have to pay my bills. When I was playing, I was making money. Now, I am going in minus every month.

Have you signed up for any more tournaments?
I haven't signed up for anything yet. I am looking to play something in 2-3 weeks' time, whatever is possible.

Any plans of coming back?
I will definitely not be coming to India any time soon. The cases are getting worse. Plus, if I come, I have to quarantine. And when I get back to Europe, I will have to quarantine again, so I will lose a lot of days.

Min appeal in NSF case

ENS @Chennai

THE sports ministry has filed a fresh application in the Delhi High Court seeking its consent to grant provisional recognition to 57 National Sports Federation (NSFs) until September 30.

The bench had asked the ministry to withdraw recognition to 54 NSFs last week.

The application filed through the central government's standing counsel said, "non-renewal of annual recognition of NSFs is detrimental to the overall development of the sports especially the sportspersons who are otherwise presently demoralised due to Covid-19 since all training and competitions were put on hold. The government is in the process for planning and resumption of training..."

EXPRESS READ

Krunal resumes outdoor practice in Vadodara

VADODARA: Krunal Pandya on Tuesday resumed outdoor training. "Began my day with a run out on the field.. feels good to be back out there again," tweeted the elder among the Pandya brothers. Krunal had been confined to his house in Vadodara since March 25.

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Tender No : 22/2019-20/KWA/PHC/D4/TVM(RT4). AMRUT - Supplying and erection sewerage pumpset, transformer and electrical accessories in the Edathra Pumping Station (Block J). EMD : Rs. 100000. Tender fee : Rs. 7500. Last Date for submitting Tender : 03-08-2020 03:00:pm. Phone : 04712322303. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-99-2020-21 PH Circle, Thiruvananthapuram

CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION
1, NAWAB YUSUF ROAD, CIVIL LINES, PRAYAGRAJ-211001
Corrigendum Publish Date: 26.06.2020 17:02
CORRIGENDUM No. 11
Closing Date/Time 21.07.2020 11:00
Tender No.: ELCORE-OHE-EPC-08-Re (Open Tender)
Name Of Work: EPC TENDER: Request for Proposal For Electrification of Railway Lines of the various sections of Northern Railway Total RKM / TKM 880.04/1024.30 On Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Mode. [Bid/Package No. EPC-08].
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Field Name	Existing Value	Modified Value
Bidding Start Date	02.07.2020	07.07.2020
Tender Closing Date Time	16.07.2020 11:00	21.07.2020 11:00

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OFFICE OF THE, Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Divn., Athani – 591304, Tq: Athani. Dist: Belgaum (Karnataka).
No: EE/KNNL/HBC/PB//TND/TBLIS/Consultancy/2020-21/502 Date :15.06.2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement only)
Percentage tender through e-procurement platform are invited by the under signed on behalf of the M D KNNL Bangalore-01 From Registered Consultancy Agency empaneled with KNNL contractors for the work Consultancy service for survey, Investigation preparation of alignment proposal, Design & Drawing Estimates and Draft bid Documents for the Construction of surface and sub surface Drainage in Athnai & Kagawad Taluka, Belgavi District. The contractors are expected to apply in Two cover system (as per KTTP act 2000) The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www .eproc. Karnataka .gov.in/eportal /index.seam. (Total 02 work) under H.B.C. Division, Athani)
The approximate estimated cost of work is Rs 63.53 Lakhs & Rs 88.97 Lakhs

1	The contractor can request for e-tendering documents	From 02.07.2020 @ 10.30 AM to 11.07.2020. upto 4.00 PM
2	Last date & time for tender queries	04.07.2020 upto 4.00 PM
3	Submission of completed e-tendering document	From 02.07.2020 @ 10.30 AM to 11.07.2020. upto 4.00 PM
4	Opening of Technical Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani on	14.07.2020. @ 11.00 AM
5	Opening of Financial Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani on	18.07.2020. @ 11.00 AM

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867
Sd/-xx K K Jaliberi, Executive Engineer,
KNNL HBC Division, Athani.

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
Extension Notice No. 27, 28, 2&3 / DO / CE / VLR / 2020 / Dated : 29.06.2020

	Name of Scheme	IFB No.
1.	Providing UGSS to Added Areas in Villupuram Municipality in Villupuram District. Collection System & STP	Extension Notice No. 27, 28, 2&3 / DO / CE / VLR / 2020 / Dated : 12.06.2020
2.	Providing UGSS to Tindivanam Muncipality in Villupuram District. Collection System & STP	
3.	Last date of Sale of Tender	Upto 5.45 PM on 08.07.2020
4.	The Last date for receipt and opening of tender	Upto 3.00 PM on 10.07.2020 and 3.30 PM on 10.07.2020

Refer : Website for downloading : www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in (Free of cost)
The other terms and conditions already published remain unaltered.
Chief Engineer (i/c),
TWAD Board, Vellore - 6.
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No	Material Description	Due Date
202113 001372	Collection, Shifting and land filling of Deinking plant screw press sludge & Intercarting of DIP screw press sludge	15.07.2020
202113 001373	Removal of reels from RAUMASTER and TRANCEL conveyor and shifting of reels through shuttle trolley to New Godown	15.07.2020
202113 001374	Maintenance of various machineries at Converting, Finishing House areas in Paper Machine, Marketing Godown and Mayanur Unit	16.07.2020
202143 000002	Providing security personnel at TNPL land area Mayanur & Mayanur Godown	16.07.2020
192013 007796	Standardisation of rates for fabrication erection and dismantling of pipes and pipe fittings for the year 2020-21	17.07.2020

Detailed terms & condition, tender fee, EMD etc. are available in tender document at our Websites : www.tnpl.com / www.tenders.tn.gov.in
DIPR/2430/Tender/2020 TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper

Government of India
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Post Bag No. 1
P.O.Yelwal, Mysuru – 571 130
Corrigendum-2
Ref: TENDER NO: BARC/MYS/PO&M(U)/KMM/STP-1&2 O&M/2020/02 dt 09.04.2020
Name of the work: Operation and Maintenance of STP-1 (100 KLD) & STP-2 (25KLD) plant at BARC site, Mysuru.
With reference to the above tender, the sale period is revised from 01.07.2020 to 12.07.2020. For further details refer the tender details available in https://www.tenderwizard.com/DAE.
Superintending Engineer,
BARC, Mysore

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A Kerala Public Sector Undertaking requires the following personnel on fixed period contract basis.

Sl No	Post	Eligibility
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(ii)	Project Manager (Technical)	Post Graduate Degree in Harbour Engineering/Marine Structures/ Ocean Engineering/ Coastal Engineering with 10 years post qualification experience, (Salary Rs.79000 pm)
(iii)	Personal Assistant to MD	Graduate with 5 years' post-qualification experience in public or private organisations, preferably qualified in computer application. (Salary Rs. 31,970 pm)

Please apply with detailed biodata and passport size photo to reach before 5.00 pm on 20-07-2020 to The Advertiser, P.B. No.70, GPO, Thiruvananthapuram 695 001. RO/01060/D3/2020/I&PRD

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M.I. & GWDD DIVISION, BELAGAVI.
PH NO.0831-2463850 / FAX NO.0831-2423008
No.EE /MI&GWDDD/BGM/TND/AE-1/2020-21/3273-A Date:27-05-2020
TIME EXTENSION SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-4)
Tender Submission dates are extended due to Technical reason for the works under Short Term tender invited by Executive Engineer, M.I & GWDD Division, Belagavi. Vide Tender Notice EE/MI&GWDDD/ BGM/TND/AE-1/2020-21/2930-C, Date:02-05-2020 (For 02 Works only)
1.Date of Pre-tender meeting : 14-07-2020 (In the office of the Executive Engineer, M.I & GWDD Division, Belagavi at 11.00 AM (For KW-4 works),2.Tender Quarries up to 15-07-2020,3.Tender Receipt on or before 16-07-2020 upto 16.00 hrs. 4.Technical Bid will be opened on 17-07-2020 (If possible)
All other conditions of the tender remain unchanged
Sd/-Executive Engineer,
M.I & GWDD Division, Belagavi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-242/MCA/2020-21

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ – ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ,
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ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08262 – 220936, ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ನಂ: 08262 – 221936, E-mail: zpedckm@rediffmail.com
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49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
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No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-15/2189/2020-21 Date:30.06.2020
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The last date and time of receipt of tender is : 16.07.2020 upto 04:00 pm
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
Sd/-
Chief Development Officer & Chief Engineer-1
DIPR/DDU/RO-425/2020-21

Koalas face extinction in NSW

BUSHFIRE IMPACT

MELBOURNE: Koalas in the Australian state of New South Wales (NSW) could become extinct by 2050, according to a parliamentary committee report which called for an urgent government action to protect the species and its habitat.

The report from an Upper House inquiry into koala populations and their habitats was released on Tuesday. The once-thriving herbivorous marsupial animal, native to Australia, has been ravaged by habitat loss, disease and climatic events in recent years.

The report said at least 5,000 koalas died in the recent bushfire season. The committee chairwoman, Cate Faehrmann, said the findings of the year-long inquiry should be a game changer for the state government.

What became crystal clear during this inquiry was that, without urgent government intervention, the koala will become extinct in New South Wales before 2050," Faehrmann was quoted as saying by the state-run Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

"At every turn we were handed evidence that showed our current laws are inadequate and facilitating the clearing of core koala habitat. The strategies and policies currently in place to protect the koala aren't working. There must be an increase in koala habitat protected from logging, mining, land clearing and urban development," she said.

CONTEXTUALISING APP SNAP

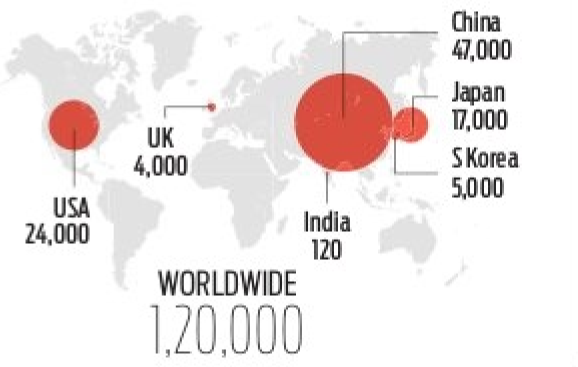
Despite large impact on company valuations due to high number of downloads in India, the country's app market has generated substantially lower revenue than its global counterparts. A look at the mobile app ecosystem.

ILLUSTRATION: AMIT BANDRE

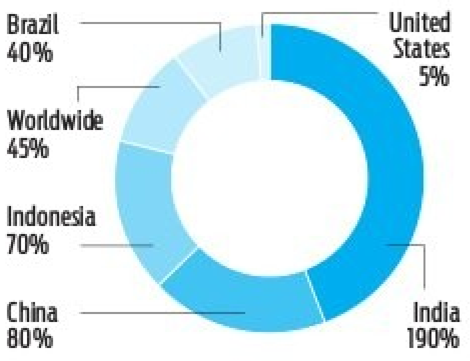
LOW REVENUE, LARGE IMPACT

While India is fast becoming the source of one of the largest mobile app user-bases in the world, the actual consumer spending on India's sprawling in-app markets are pretty low compared to the world and its northern neighbour, China. However, with the number of app downloads soaring in India, and many companies' valuations tied into the number of users, blocking access to the Indian market is likely to have a marked impact on fund raising and market valuations of the banned Chinese apps.

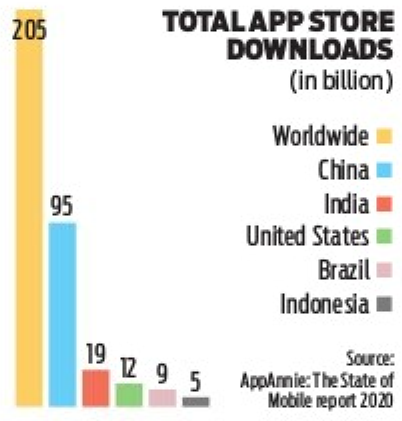
CONSUMER SPENDING IN APP (in $ million)



GROWTH IN APP DOWNLOADS



TOTAL APP STORE DOWNLOADS (in billion)



Source: AppAnnie: The State of Mobile report 2020

DIGITAL SECTOR-FOCUSED INDIAN FIRMS WITH INVESTMENTS

TOTAL INVESTMENT & STAKES OWNED

Firm	Investment and stake
Paytm	One97 Communications (Paytm holding firm) Total investment: Alibaba Group firms: **$1,280 million** Total stake: **Over 40%**
Flipkart	Total investment: Tencent: **$700 million** Current stake: **5.37%**
OLA	Total investment: Tencent: **$400 million** Total stake: **9.57%**
bigbasket	Total investment: Alibaba Group firms: **$200 million** Total stake: over **25%**
Paytm Mall	Total investment: Alibaba Group firms: **$180 million** Total stake: **22%**
zomato	Total investment: Alibaba Group firms: **$510 million** Total stake: **over 23%**
snapdeal	Total investment: Alibaba Group firms: **$200 million** Total stake: **4%**
makemytrip	Total investment: Ctrip: **$1,270 million** Total stake: **42.5%**
SWIGGY	Total investment: Tencent, Hillhouse& Meituan Dianping: **$150 million** Total stake: Tencent: **5.89%**; Meitan: **6.35%**

TIKTOK LIKELY TO BE HIT THE MOST

- India accounts for over 30% (611 mn) of total downloads
- TikTok did not begin monetising in India until last year.
- In quarter ended December 2019, TikTok earned around ₹25 crore (around $3.3-3.5 mn)
- While the country only accounts for around 10% of TikTok's revenue at the end of 2019, according to sources, it had planned to increase this by four times to ₹100 crore by September this year.

TIKTOK LIFETIME REVENUES

WORLDWIDE	US	CHINA	UK
$456.7	$86.5	$331	$9

FIGURES IN MILLION

TEXT: JONATHAN ANANDA

TOP RANKED APPS ON GOOGLE PLAY STORE IN INDIA, AS OF JUNE 29:

While many of the apps banned by the government on Monday citing national security reasons are not very popular in the Indian market, some others consistently figure in the top ten rank lists in many segments.

TOP HIGHEST RANKED APPS IN INDIA

1) Whatsapp Messenger
2) TikTok
3) Google Meet
4) Zoom Cloud Meetings
5) Photo Lab Picture Editor
6) UVideo
7) Instagram
8) Google Pay
9) Roposo (IND)
10) Facebook

TOP GROSSING APPS IN INDIA

1) Google One
2) Udemy
3) Truecaller
4) Livu
5) Chamet (IND)
6) Tinder
7) Tango
8) TikTok
9) Azar
10) WHO

TOP SOCIAL APPS IN INDIA

1) TikTok (bold)
2) Instagram
3) Facebook
4) Roposo (IND)
5) Chingari
6) Helo
7) Snapchat
8) Helo Lite
9) Facebook Lite
10) Mitron

TOP E-COMMERCE APPS IN INDIA

1) Flipkart (IND)
2) Amazon
3) Paytm (IND)
4) Club Factory
5) LimeRoad (IND)
6) Olx
7) AJIO (IND)
8) Myntra (IND)
9) Snapdeal (IND)
10) SHEIN

DEER ME

Three wild deer cross a road as people look on at Panbari Reserve Forest in Golaghat, Assam, on Monday | PTI

Ola rolls out tipping facility

CASHLESS

Ola on Tuesday launched new cashless 'tipping functionality that enables customers to voluntarily reward drivers for going the extra mile to deliver a safe ride experience amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The feature has been rolled out to all Ola users across India, Australia, New Zealand and the UK in a bid to help the company's over 2.5 million global driver community, Ola said, adding that the drivers will retain 100 per cent of the tip. Starting Tuesday, the cashless tipping feature will appear in the final step of the payment phase and will allow the customers to select a fixed or customised amount that will translate to higher earning potential for these drivers.

PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION

Rabbit study offers hope for repair of damaged uteruses in human beings

BREAKTHROUGH

PARIS: Advances in bioengineering have helped repair severely damaged uteruses in rabbits through cellular tissue engineering, researchers said in a study published Monday.

The breakthrough, scientists believe, offers hope for partial reconstruction in women afflicted with so-called uterine factor infertility, which accounts for about six percent of all infertility cases.

Currently, the only way for a woman with this condition to give birth is with a transplanted uterus. A team at Wake Forest University in North Carolina implanted biodegradable polymer scaffolds — engineered tissue partially generated from one's own cells — into damaged rabbit uteruses.

Six months after implantation, the new tissue appeared no different than in non-damaged uterus, they reported in Nature Biotechnology. Furthermore, four in 10 rabbits that had received the cell-engineered tissue had normal births, while none of those who hadn't received the reparative treatment did.

Four in 10 rabbits receiving the cell-engineered tissue had normal births

> **Our results introduce new avenues for potentially creating tissue substitutes derived from a patient's own cells to treat uterine defects.**
>
> Researchers

"Our results introduce new avenues for potentially creating tissue substitutes derived from a patient's own cells to treat uterine defects," the authors concluded.

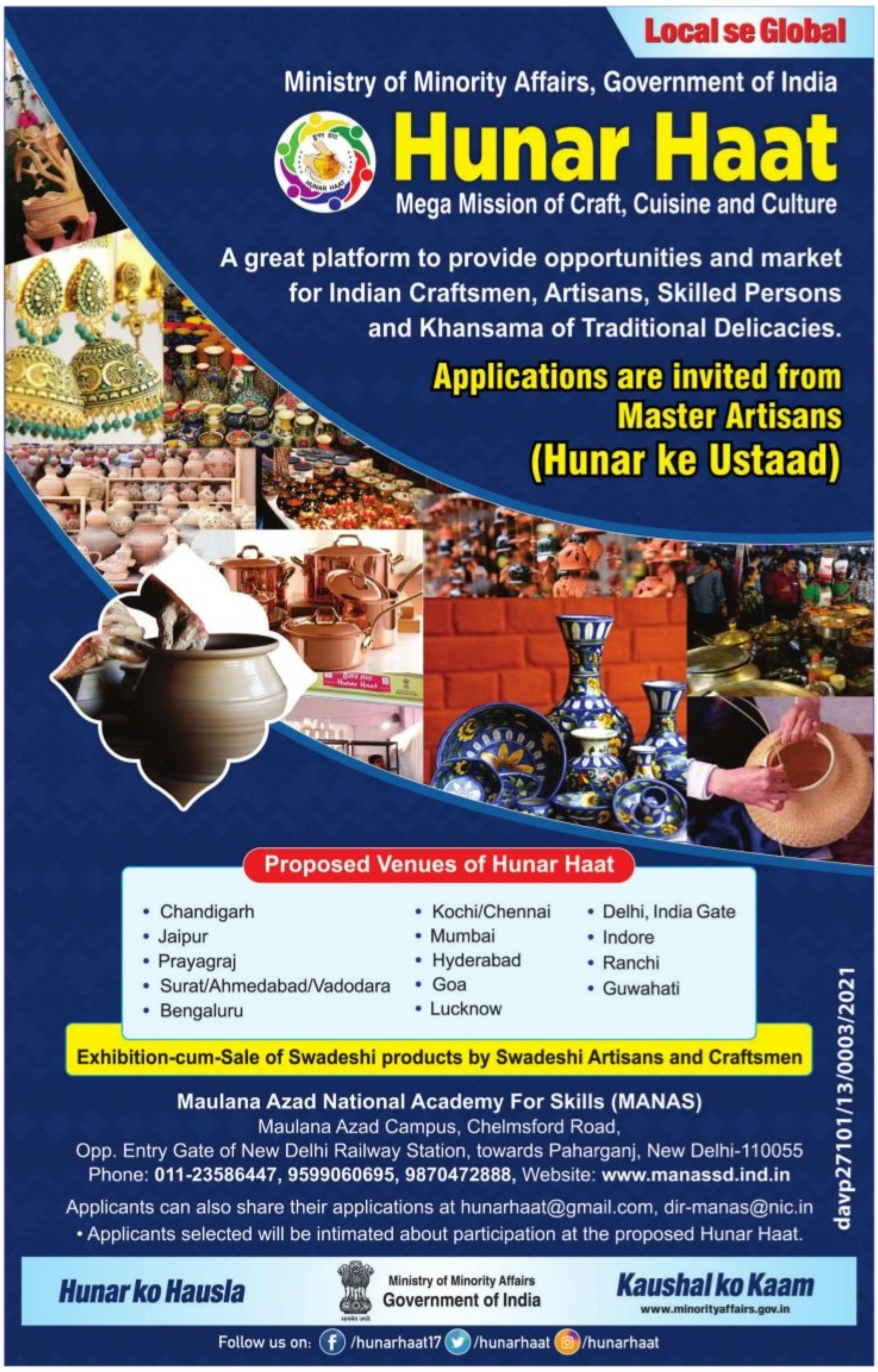
Tissue bioengineering offers an alternative to organ transplant, which is hampered by a lack of donors and requires the recipient to take immunosuppressive drugs. Similar bioengineering techniques have already been used for human bladders, blood vessels, urethras and vaginas.

But human uteruses have yet to be restored using this technique, partially because of their complexity compared to other organs. Scientists not involved in the study noted that more animal experiments are needed before moving to human clinical trials. While bioengineered tissue for uterine replacement is an "attractive and novel technology, it may not be as close to translation as the authors and many of us would like to see," said Dusko Ilic, a professor at King's College London.

"The next experiment is not a partial replacement of the uterus but a total replacement of the uterus," said John Hunt, a professor at Nottingham Trent University in the UK.

But the findings, reported in Nature Biotechnology, are an important first step, the authors said.

"Larger animal models, where one can replace critical-size defects with engineered constructs, are important in highlighting potentially human clinically relevant regeneration," they said.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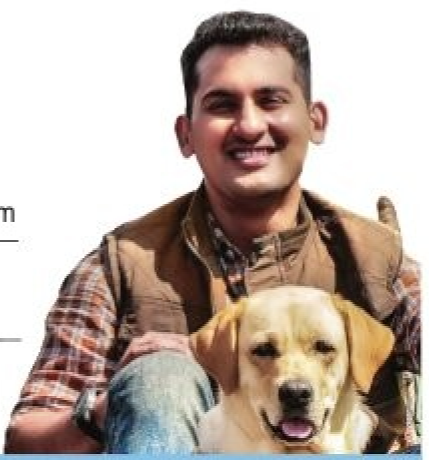

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DAY'S DIARY

Birth anniversary

Lady Diana Frances Spencer was born on this day in 1961, at Park House near Sandringham, Norfolk. She had two elder sisters and a younger brother

AS A STUDENT

At school, she showed a particular talent for music (as an accomplished pianist), dancing, and domestic science. She gained the school's award for giving maximum help to the school

ROYAL WEDDING

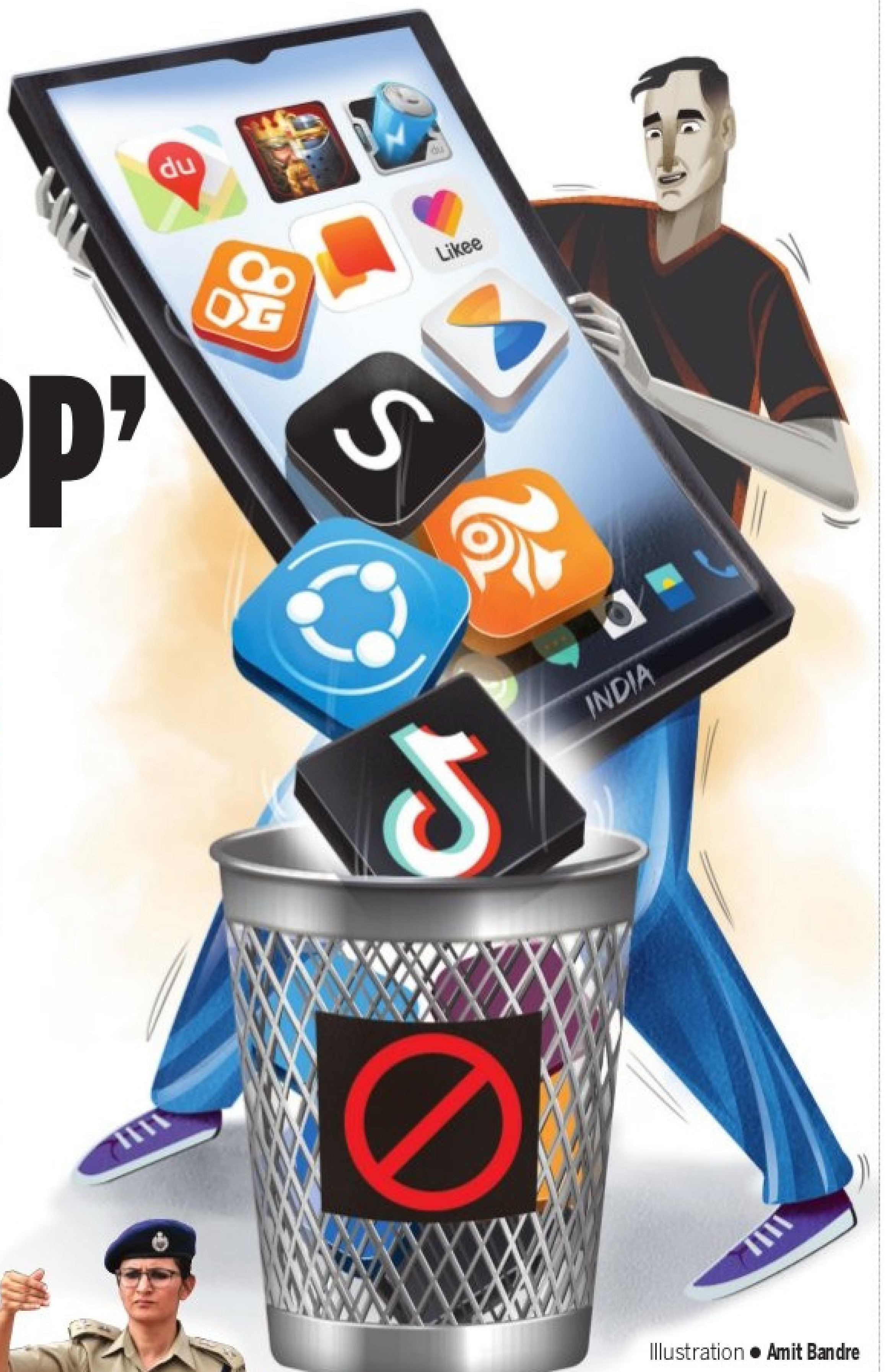
She married Prince Charles in 1981. Princess Diana was the first Englishwoman to marry an heir to the throne for 300 years. The ceremony was telecast globally on television and via radio

FASHION ICON

Princess Diana was considered to be a fashion icon of that era. Her wardrobe choices were chronicled extensively in the press and she was praised for her style statement

As Indian government announces ban on TikTok, Shein, CamScanner and 56 other Chinese apps, Bengalureans say they are confident about being able to adapt to newer brands entering the market

PUTTING ON THE THINKING 'APP'



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Vidya Iyengar & Monika Monalisa

Ask anyone how they spent the lockdown and pat comes the reply: Binge-watching shows, creating videos on TikTok, and shopping on Shein. As tensions between India and China simmer, some Bengalureans voluntarily avoided Chinese brands, however, with the Indian government putting a blanket ban on 59 Chinese apps, a large section is being vocal about going local.

Even as radio jockey Jane Jayekumar, admittedly a huge fan of Shein, "cried harder" than those TikTok users with a million followers, and is hoping the ban is revoked soon, fashion blogger and entrepreneur **Divya Maben** likes to think the government wouldn't have taken such measures unless they pose cyber security risks. "But this impacts a lot of people whose income is from these platforms. Luckily, I've only been creating content on TikTok recently and unlike Instagram, I don't rely on it for business," she says. However, when it comes to fashion, a ban on brands can have a substantial impact. "Unlike local stores/brands, you could purchase trendy items at low prices on the app. You don't always get the best quality but shopping there helped me cut costs spent towards the content I create," explains Maben.

Public memory is short and people will move on, believes Manas Mehrotra, managing director, NestaVera G, a firm investing in tech startups. "This isn't a make or break situation. People get used to a technology and when there are restrictions or something new, they move on," he says.

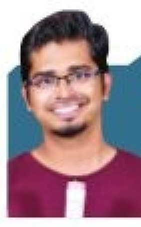
Going local is the new buzzword, and Manoj Shah, director, Vu2Vu India, who recently launched an online virtual education platform, feels this ban will encourage Indian entrepreneurs to work towards delivering new products of high quality and global credibility. "Banning Chinese apps, which have a security concern, is an action that will support the Indian IT industry, which is highly capable of producing such world-class platforms. Today, customer data is most vulnerable and can be easily misused by many apps. It was something that was observed during the lockdown where web conferences were hijacked by intruders creating embarrassing scenarios for participants," he says.

While brand guru Harish Bijoor agrees that Indians hooked onto TikTok will experience withdrawal symptoms, he feels it will take time for local players wanting to cash in. "It takes time to gain traction. TikTok has set the quality bar high," he says.

ISHA PANT, DCP, Command Centre Bengaluru

Bangalore Police has an online presence on all social media platforms which is not limited to TikTok. We have a greater reach on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram which have a huge following so our programmes will continue. There was no special focus on TikTok since whatever we had on one platform was shared across other platforms as well. Because we have other platforms which we are active on and maintain a good level of interaction with the public, we will continue with them and post videos with subtitles.

Time for the real tik-tok



URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

As a writer and stand-up comedian, the most common pointer dished out to me is – Visibility. It's something event managers and digital media planners swear by. I am told that I need to be present on every single platform, so that people do not miss out on the gems that I create once in six months.

This has resulted in me being present on nearly all the popular social media platforms. Facebook – where there is so much knowledge floating around that Adam Smith would deactivate his profile. Then there's Instagram – a platform where memes could be used to announce everything from boredom to an armed revolution. And then there's Twitter – a platform where one can whip up a nasty, toxic, vitriol-filled message using only 140 characters. A few years ago, a new addition was being made to the list – TikTok.

I checked out the app and found it to be quite non-fussy. But I also noticed that urban elites had a slightly condescending attitude towards the app. This is reflective of a very common phenomenon in India. Everything that is popular with the masses is considered 'uncool' or 'crass'. Remember how Chetan Bhagat's image went from a hip, urban author to an uncool egotist? The same is also true for Salman Khan's films, and apps like TikTok.

Unlike Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, even the app's name is accessible to most people. It requires no knowledge of English or the Internet. As opposed to the sparkly, spotless people on Instagram, TikTok users were more representative of everyday Indians. I found kids from villages, old people singing near lakes, and women who were dancing in their kitchens while cooking food.

I also discovered that the app was quirky, but harmless. There were singers and dancers who were displaying their skills on the app. Older men and housewives would lip-sync to songs or dance. My favourite account was a guy called 'Chicken Leg Piece'. In every video, he would eat a number of different foods, along with a Chicken Leg Piece. Every video had just one line of dialogue – Chicken Leg Piece!

In a strange way, everybody seemed to be having fun on the app. TikTok was not a platform where childhood friends would part ways due to conflicting political opinions. The comments were all heartening, the users of the app took their videos extremely seriously. They encouraged and promoted each other enthusiastically.

Just as I was considering joining the app, news broke out that the Government of India has banned TikTok, along with 58 other apps of Chinese origin. I am informed that the move is to prevent any leaking of information from my phone to the Chinese authorities. I have been using a Chinese phone for years now, and I think the officials at Chinese military bases are fully aware that I only get messages from credit card companies!

But I wonder what all the TikTok users will do with their free time now! What happens to all the singers, dancers and actors who put our videos every day, with no other aim but to entertain their followers? It is ironic that the only non-political social media platform is banned due to political reasons. It was good while it lasted, but it's time to say, Goodbye, Tiktok. I guess with the ban on the app, we all simply have to move on to the real tik-tok in our lives – using our time wisely!

TICKED OFF?

SURAJ PS NAIDU, actor
5L followers

We must support the government. Instagram is still there and now there are Indian alternatives too. I do feel bad for those looking for exposure on TikTok. Luckily, I was able to get 5 lakh followers and even chances to act in TV and web series. Those who were using the platform to gain recognition may not get such opportunities now. Promotion payments of about ₹50,000 are pending. Even though this ban affects digital creators, it might be good since we might spend less time on phones. I do hope creators continue making content.

JEANETTE MESQUITA, student
6K followers

In two months, I got over 6,000 followers but now I feel that my effort has gone waste. If I feel this way, imagine what popular creators must be feeling. Many of them monetise content. I understand the situation with China and the need to take this decision but I just wish there was a way to avoid influencers from becoming collateral damage.

CHANDNI NAIR, student
12K followers

TikTok gave us fame. It took me one year to gain 12,500 followers but I am going to take this decision, even though it's a big one, in my stride. I am now going to look at Indian platforms as an alternative.

RUBEN STALIN, software engineer
3L followers

Why not ban all imports from China? The ban on TikTok hurts, but it's okay for national good. After all, it was just a platform, the talent is still ours. I lost over 3 lakh followers and side business since posting branded videos would fetch me ₹2,000 to ₹4,000. In a way, it's good since some posted mindless content.

CITY READ

Bank distributes food kits among people

Federal Bank has distributed food kits among members of Joint Liability Groups in wake of COVID-19 outbreak. The kits comprising rice, dal, salt and sugar were given to people who have lost their regular income due to the pandemic. The bank has allocated ₹ 38 lakh for this project that covers Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. It is being implemented in partnership with New Street Technologies, and SheCommerz. NST founder Sajeev Viswanathan and SheCommerz CEO Aruna Sampige were present at the launch in Bengaluru.

VOICING CONCERN

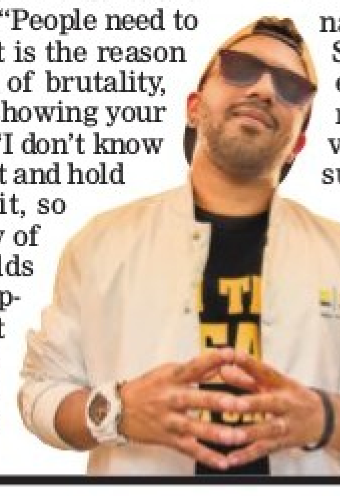
'Rap'ping up anguish

Monika Monalisa

The custodial deaths of Jeyaraj (63) and his son Bennix (31) in Tuticorin have taken the nation by storm, forcing people to raise their voice against police atrocity. One among them is popular Kannada rapper **Gubbi**, who released his latest single, *Lathi in Charge*, on Tuesday, to speak about the incident.

Gubbi, who had taken a break from social media to try to stay away from negativity, was moved by the incident when he saw an illustration made by artist Prajwal Acharya on the subject. "It hit me hard. I started reading up on the incident. It left me disturbed and angry at the same time. So I decided to write whatever I felt and words just poured in," says Gubbi, adding that it took him less than 24 hours to write and record the whole rap.

Gubbi also points out that stories of police brutality are not a new thing in the country and that it is high time such incidents are brought to light. "People need to understand what is the reason behind this kind of brutality, it's nothing but showing your power," he says. "I don't know if I could to go out and hold a protest about it, so this was my way of venting out," adds the 30-year-old rapper, revealing that his phone has not stopped buzzing since he dropped the two-minute single on his Instagram handle on Tuesday morning. "People relate to the lyrics. I even got a message from a friend in Tamil Nadu, who said that his wife was deeply moved by the incident and she felt happy to see that it is being spoken about through various art forms," says Gubbi, whose video got over 2,000 views in less than 12 hours.



The story of Jeyaraj and Bennix came to light when Chennai-based RJ and singer Suchitra Ramadurai posted a video last week, narrating the incident. The video went viral, getting support from big names like Anand Mahindra, Priyanka Chopra, Sonam Kapoor, Shikhar Dhawan, and Sunil Chhetri. The case is currently in Madras High Court.

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QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

CORN CUTLET

INGREDIENTS

- **Sweet corn:** 1 cup, frozen or fresh
- **Green chillies:** 1-2
- **Coriander:** a sprig
- Salt as per taste
- Bread crumbs

METHOD

- In a blender add a cup of corn, green chillies, coriander and salt and blend it in pulse mode.
- Once it becomes an almost smooth powder, transfer it to a bowl.
- Make balls using this mixture. Roll it in bread crumbs and flatten it. If you do not have bread crumbs, add one boiled potato to the mixture. This will stop the cutlet from crumbling.
- Heat a tawa on low to medium flame. Once it is hot, put these cutlet on the tawa and sprinkle little oil.
- Let the cutlet cook on one side for a few minutes, then flip it over to the other side. Once it turns golden brown, remove it from the tawa and serve.

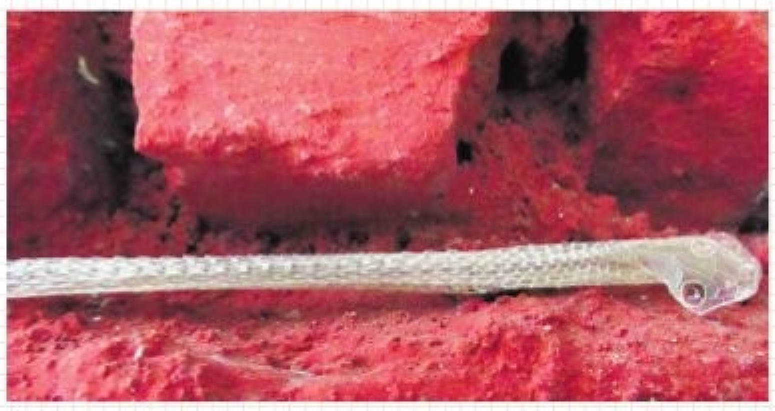
– by Radhika Madhavan, Chennai

WORD OF THE DAY

ECDYSIS

To shed old skin. The moulting of layers which fit no longer. A vulnerable period – from which an organism may emerge new.

- by M Yuvan



BRIGHT SPOT

GRAZIE, LASAGNA LADY

Several people have lost their jobs due to the coronavirus pandemic. One among them was Michelle Brenner from Washington, who worked at a menswear store. When she was let go, she turned to her comfort food – lasagna using her grandmother's recipe. Once she got over this, she decided to do grocery shopping for friends. When she noticed that there was one item – frozen lasagna – in all the lists, the Italian-American took to Facebook to announce to her friends and neighbours that she'd serve them fresh, scrumptious lasagna, no questions or money asked. She used her severance cheque to feed everyone and now in three months many strangers have started stopping by. She has made over 1,200 pans of lasagna for anybody who wants one. She even began dropping them off for essential workers at the local police and fire departments, the hospital, and even the prison. In order to scale up her operation, she has set up a fundraiser on Facebook to support her work. Before long, it had raised more than $22,000, mostly from strangers on Facebook from all corners of the world.

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FIT BIT

MARJARIASANA

(CAT POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'marjari' means 'cat' and asana means 'pose'. It is a core asana that is one of the most fundamental poses in many schools of yoga. Marjariasana is believed to reduce stress by calming the mind. In a spiritual practice, it opens the Anahata (heart) chakra, stimulating self-love kindness to others and unconditional love. It is practised mainly for the neck and the back. It is a wonderful and extremely effective exercise for everyone who has problems in those areas.

STEPS

- Stand on all fours. Your back needs to form a table with the support of both your hands and legs.
- Ensure that the arms are straight and the hands are flat on the floor, providing a perfect balance to the body. The hands shall be placed right under your shoulders.
- Concentrate on your legs, placed a little apart from each other. Your knees should be hip-width apart.
- Look straight ahead and make yourself comfortable in this position.
- Inhale as you raise your chin and slowly tilt your head backward. With this, push your navel down and raise the tailbone. Now compress your buttocks. While performing this step you may feel some pain or sensation.
- Be comfortable in this particular pose and take a few deep breaths.
- Now, as you exhale, drop the chin to your chest, arch your back and relax your buttocks. Hold this position for a few breaths.
- Return to the table position.
- Repeat the two positions five to six times.

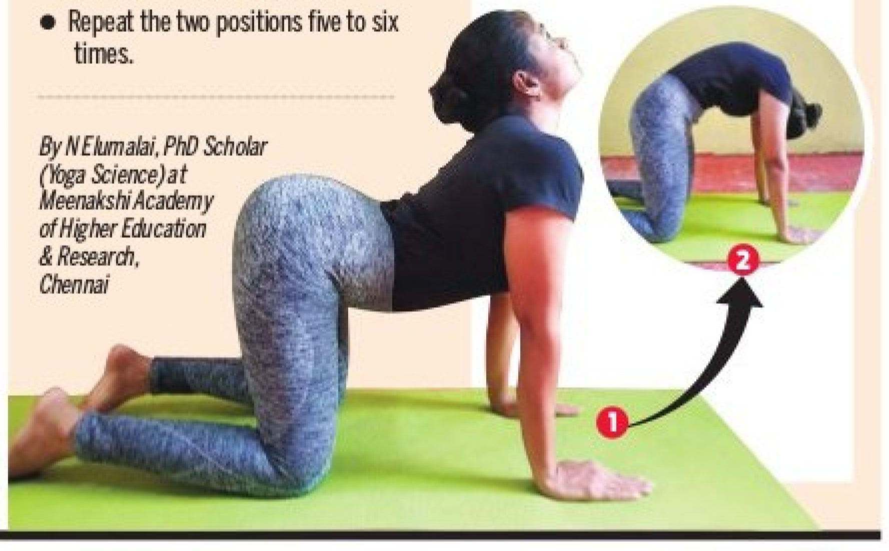
BENEFITS

- Adds a lot of flexibility to your spine.
- Helps in strengthening your shoulders and wrists.
- Helps to get rid of unwanted and unnecessary fat in the abdomen area and tones it.
- Helps in improving blood circulation.
- The stretching relaxes the mind and removes all the stress and strain.

LIMITATIONS

- Consult a yoga expert if you have any prevailing problems.
- Keep your head in line with the torso if you're suffering from head injury or pain.
- Beginners should practise this with the help of a yoga teacher.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



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- On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

MYNA

Satya falls for Mynaa, who is physically disabled, and marries her. But trouble begins when they meet a doctor who promises to help her but end up physically assaulting her.

- Cast: Chetan Kumar, Nithya Menen, R. Sarathkumar

THANGIGAGI

The story of a brother - Veerabhadra, who loves his only sister - Gowri a lot. Gowri marries a nice man and moves to Bangalore city. In spite of a warning Veerabhadra gets into violence and revenge.

- Cast: Darshan, Poonam Bajwa, Shwetha Chengappa

NALLA

Preethi, a woman with intellectual disabilities is kidnapped and forced into prostitution. A chance meeting with Prashanth, a teacher, changes her life forever.

- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Sangeetha

KALAKALAPPU

Seenu struggles to save his loss-making, family-owned restaurant. He soon falls for Madhavi, a health inspector keen on shutting the place. When his brother, Raghu, enters the scene, things get worse.

- Cast: Vimal, Shiva, Anjali, Oviya, Santhanam

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All life on Earth is governed by mathematical laws with apparently arbitrary constants. If the universe is completely governed by these laws, couldn't a powerful enough computer simulate it exactly? Could our reality be a detailed simulation set in place by a more advanced civilisation? Zohreh Davoudi investigates.

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Sheila Marie Orfano explores why Joy Luck Club, the debut novel by Amy Tan still captivates readers worldwide.

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Flags are one of the simplest yet most powerful pieces of design ever conceived. They can make us swell with pride, burn with hatred – and even inspire people to die or kill in their name, says vexillologist Michael Green. Take a brief walk through history as Green explores the symbolic fervor behind flags that unify and divide, inviting us to imagine a future where we can come together under one collective identity: humanity.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

AYANA (Kannada)

With his carefree bachelor days behind him, a young entrepreneur's ambitions for adulthood come with some painful personal and professional decisions.

- Cast: Deepak Subramanya, Apoorva Soma, Ramesh Bhat
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

KAPPELA (Malayalam)

Falling into an over-the-phone romance with a rickshaw driver, a young woman visits his city when an encounter with a stranger derails their meeting.

- Cast: Anna Ben, Sreenath Bhasi, Roshan Mathew
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

THITHI (Kannada)

In a South Indian village, a centenarian's funeral brings together his free-spirited son, inheritance-hungry grandson and girl-crazy great-grandson.

- Cast: Thammegowda S., Channegowda, Abhishek H.N.
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

KRISHNA AND HIS LEELA (Telugu)

The movie revolves around Krishna's love story with Sathya, Radha and Rukhsar.

- Cast: Siddu Jonnalagadda, Shraddha Srinath, Seerat Kapoor
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

PRAWAS (Marathi)

Prawas is the journey of an elderly couple, Abhijat Inamdar and Lata Inamdar. Abhijat also knows that he has a certain time to live his life and nobody is immortal. He realises that there are so many people who need help and he starts helping them in their problems which gives him confidence in himself.

- Cast: Ashok Saraf, Padmini Kolhapure
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

BAREILLY KI BARFI (Hindi)

After reading a book that changes her life, Bitti is intent on meeting the author. Her quest takes her to a publisher, Chirag, who leads her to believe that the writer is Pritam Vidrohi.

- Cast: Kirti Sanon. Ayushmann Khurrana, Rajkummar Rao
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

KADAL (Tamil)

Unruly Bergmans is expelled from his seminary when a kind-hearted fellow student, Sam, exposes his heinous acts. Soon he resolves to teach Sam a lesson that evil does predominate supreme.

- Cast: Gautham Kartik, Thulasi Nair, Arvind Swamy
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹399 per year

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

THE BIG SHORT (English)

In the mid-2000s, a few finance experts observe the instability in the US housing market and predict its collapse. Through their research, they discover the flaws and corruption in the system.

- Cast: Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Brad Pitt
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

10 JOURS EN OR (French)

When a carefree bachelor is unexpectedly left in charge of a young boy, the two embark on a road trip that will change both of their lives.

- Cast: Mathis Toure, Franck Dubosc, Marie Kremer
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

THE GOOD LIAR (English)

Career con artist Roy Courtnay can hardly believe his luck when he meets well-to-do widow Betty McLeish online. As Betty opens her life and home to him, Roy is surprised to find himself caring about her, turning what should be a cut-and-dry swindle into the most treacherous tightrope walk of his life.

- Cast: Helen Mirren, Ian McKellen, Russell Tovey
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹129 per month

WILD TALES (Spanish)

A waitress adds a special ingredient to an arrogant loan shark's meal in one of several tales dealing with extremes of human behaviour.

- Cast: Ricardo Darin, Dario Grandinetti, Erica Rivas
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹129 per month

TOUCH OF NOSTALGIA

Jagriti theatre revives its old connection with Habib Tanvir's *Charandas Thief!* with an online screening

Vidya Iyengar

The art and culture fraternity has been significantly hit by the pandemic, with few solutions in sight. And theatre artistes find themselves in a situation where re-inventing themselves and their works seems to be the only way out. As spaces in the city await government guidelines on re-opening, Jagriti in Whitefield is sifting through their archives to engage theatre-goers.

One such is *Charandas Thief!*, a production directed by veteran practitioner Arundhati Raja, which holds a special place for Jagriti since it was this play that marked the inauguration of the auditorium, which was to initially take place in 2006. "Back then, I contacted Habib Tanvir as I wanted to inaugurate Jagriti with this play. When I got through to him on the phone, I explained to him that I wanted to perform his play and to base the production on Anjum Katyal's English translation. I was met with silence for what seemed like an eternity. I wondered what could be wrong. I will never forget his reply that finally came over the phone, in a deep, resonant voice and in impeccable Queen's English accent, saying, 'My dear, in all these years that this play has been performed by so many different theatre companies, you are the first one to ever ask my permission to do so. Please go ahead. You have all my blessings'," Raja recalls.

She promised to let him know when the dates were fixed, even planning to invite him for the opening night. "Sadly that never happened. Jagriti didn't open until January 2011. He had passed away on June 8, 2009," she says.

Habib Tanvir's *Charandas Chor* was first produced in 1975, opening up a new direction in Indian theatre performance. "It is a landmark play. It has been performed at many festivals, even winning the top award at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 1982," she adds.

The story revolves around Charandas, a lovable thief who vows never to tell a lie. He also makes three other vows believing that he will never be tested on them. But life takes him on a ride where he is constantly tempted to break each vow. The play takes him on a journey where he meets people who are not thieves but the question that arises is how honest they are. The fun-filled family entertainer which is meant to leave one contemplating, is set in Bengaluru and uses the city's unique English with its smattering of Kannada, Tamil, Hindi and Urdu.

Raja admits that while there's nothing that can compare with a live performance, this is the best alternative at this point in time. "Live shows cannot replace the energy on stage or the fun element. If all had gone well, we had two performances scheduled in April and May. But now, even to share our archival works, we have to check about copyright issues," she says, adding that it's a long road ahead.

(The production is available on Jagriti's YouTube channel)

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>
> **—Arundhati Raja,** veteran theatreperson

In full bloom

Simran Ahuja

The lockdown was a period of reflection for many. While some went deeper within themselves for self-introspection, others paid more attention to their immediate surroundings. Among them was architect and designer **Namitha B Ramaiah**, whose meditative walks in her garden led her to become appreciative of the beauty of the flowers growing there. Ramaiah then collaborated with city-based firm FlippAR to turn photographs of these blooms into AR-enabled postcards, where one can scan the picture to learn more about the flower, its origin, how it got its name, and flowering season. Released last week, this 'lockdown series' comprises 14 postcards, with photos of 12 flowers. "They were all clicked during April and May," says Ramaiah, who took photos of roses, Bougainvillea spectabilis and Plumeria Rubra, to name a few. The whole project – clicking the photos and research for the AR videos – took her a month. "Something that fascinated me was how far these flowers have travelled. For example, bougainvillea is native to Brazil," she adds.

To access more such nuggets of information through the Augmented Reality content, one would need to scan the postcard with the FlippAR app. A video overlay then gives the viewer key points about the flowers. "People appreciate things through stories. Your perspective can change once you know the history of something," says Vivek Mahaveer Jain, founder of FlippAR, a city-based firm that helps people engage with cities through stories, using AR-tech. Previously, they have also brought out postcards on iconic locations and spots in Bengaluru, and are hoping to launch another postcard series featuring trees of namma Ooru. Speaking about the new flower series, priced at ₹50 and available at Blossom Book House, Champaca or Amazon, Jain says, "This year has been a historic one, and these postcards, in a way, chronicle everything we are going through."

PETAL PROJECT

- Roses have been cultivated by humans since antiquity, as early as 3,000 B.C. in China
- Scadoxus multiflorus, also known as the 'Fireball' and 'Pin Cushion Lilly' in India, is originally from the rocky cliffs and woodlands of tropical Africa and Yemen
- Bougainvillea spectabilis, a native of South America, was first introduced to India in 1860
- Plumeria Rubra, also known as the Common Frangipani or Red Frangipani, is native to Mexico, Central America, and Venezuela
- Ruellia simplex, or Mexican petunia, native to Mexico and South America, is named after Jean de la Ruelle (1474-1537), French herbalist and physician to King Francois I
- Catharanthus roseus plants bear flowers all over the year. Hence it is known as 'Sadaphuli' in Marathi

> **This year has been a historic one, and these postcards, in a way, chronicle everything we are going through**
>
> **—Vivek Mahaveer,** founder, FlippAR

In lead roles

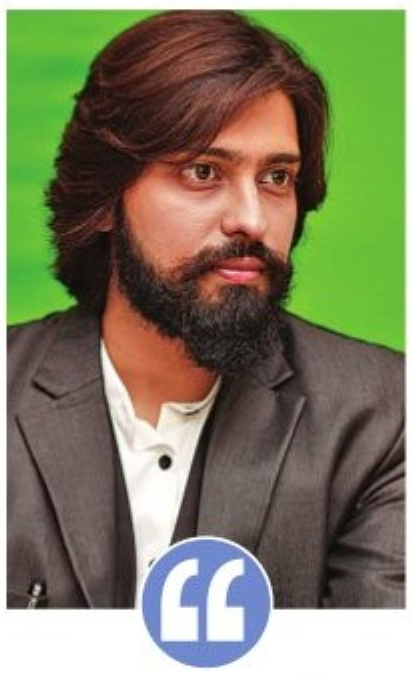
Muneef Khan

While businesses are slowing resuming in the city, the artiste community continues to remain affected adversely. With an aim to support artistes across Karnataka in these difficult times, city-based artist ensemble Still Space Theatre has undertaken an initiative called For Artists and Arts. The group was earlier helping migrant workers in Bengaluru by providing them food and other essential commodities. "After the lockdown was lifted, the migrant workers asserted that they were in a better position since work had resumed. Later on, we came across an initiative for artistes in Mumbai, and realised that the artiste community also remains heavily affected, and that this won't change in the coming months," says programme coordinator Anita Gandhi, adding that while some performers in the city could resort to online means, rural artistes are technologically unaware.

The initiative has provided ration kits and other essential products to over 140 folk performers, theatre actors and singers living in Hubbali, Mysuru, Tumakuru, Shivamogga and other places. They further aim to support 500 artistes, and have also set up a crowdfunding option on their website where one can pledge to donate a grocery kit for ₹580.

The aid has brought some positivity in the lives of artistes like Helen, a Bengaluru-based actor who has been playing small roles in TV dramas, before the lockdown brought her daily earnings to a halt. "An entire community of artistes who are dependent on their art for a living has been affected," says Helen. Agrees Pradeep Acharya, a Yakshagana artiste based in Udupi, who says being unable to work is a growing concern, but the aid has provided some reassurance. "Luckily, I have a house of my own so paying rent is not a worry. But I haven't paid loan instalments since March. While the bank has given me time until September to resume payment, the current situation is worrisome," says Acharya.

Artistic director-actor Deepak Subramanya points out that full-time theatre practitioners are completely out of work. "The technical fraternity taking care of lighting, makeup, etc are among the most affected, and our first thought of aid was around them," says Subramanya, adding that they also plan to guide rural artistes on online alternatives to showcase their art.



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Pradeep Acharya, Yakshagana artiste

CITY READ

University holds online farewell ceremony

REVA University organised virtual farewell for the graduating batch on June 24 and 25. The event was led by Dr P Shyama Raju, chancellor, where the oath taking ceremony was administered live and students joined in from their homes. The best outgoing students were given certificates virtually, while a small video of their responses was played on screen for the rest of their batchmates to watch.

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Online quiz to raise money for PM Cares fund

In a bid to appreciate the efforts of doctors and other health professionals, OncoStem diagnostics, an oncology focused company, will host a Doctors' Day online quiz from July 1 to July 5. This event is open to all doctors across India. It will be hosted on the website canassist breast.com. The entire prize money of ₹2.5 lakh will be donated to PM CARES Fund for COVID-19 relief, in the name of the winners.

BU announces project asst vacancy

Applications are invited for the position of a project assistant to work in a government sponsored research project in the department of chemistry in BU, for a period of three years. The project would involve synthesis of metal organic frameworks, their characterisation and its application study.

Final farewell

Heartbroken like many, actor Nikita Thukral bid farewell to her TikTok followers with a video. She said, "Last video bye bye tik tok. hope everyone also says bye bye to their tik tok. Thank u."

Framing it right

Actor Shwetha Srivatsav's husband, Amith Srivatsav, seems to a perfect Instagram husband. She has posted pictures of herself in red saree, clicked by Amith, calling it a 'Saree Series'.

OVERUSING SANITISERS? IT CAN RESULT IN EYE PROBLEMS

Iffath Fathima

Overuse of sanitisers poses a threat to skin and exposed mucosal surfaces, especially of the eye, a team of ophthalmologists from Narayana Nethrayala Eye Institute, Rajajinagar, has found. In the study, which was published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology, Dr Chaitra Jayadev, treasurer, Karnataka Ophthalmic Society, revealed that a 26-year-old woman consulted them on a tele-ophthalmology platform where she complained of episodic redness, irritation, and a burning sensation over a few weeks in her eyes, which occurred 6-7 times a day. There was mild conjunctival congestion, but no discharge or lid edema. The patient was then asked if there was any recent change in use of toiletries or cosmetics. While this history was negative, the patient confided that she was using a hand sanitiser spray almost on an hourly basis.

The paper said close to 60 per cent of tele-consultations conducted so far had been for red-eye. A quarter of these were infective, while a majority were non-specific. Ranging from mild to severe with significant congestion and chemosis, all were of recent origin, and after the lockdown, while a fifth of them involved people aged less than 18 years. Nearly 40 per cent of the more severe presentation was in healthcare workers and those involved in COVID care.

Dr Jayadev said, "We looked at the data and realised that these symptoms could be due to the overuse of sanitisers. Hence, we came up with a set of guidelines. Alcohol-based hand rubs and aerosols pose a potential threat to the skin and exposed mucosal surfaces, especially that of the eye due to the proximity of use. This leads to sanitiser aerosol driver ocular surface disease (SADOSD)." He further advised that sanitisers should be used only when required and in instances of touching surfaces in a public domain. Use of soap and running water for hand cleansing can be a safe alternative.

VISION WISE

- Close your eyes while pressing the nozzle of sanitiser bottle
- Keep the bottle below eye level during usage
- Avoid using sanitisers in an air-conditioned set-up
- Use lubricant sodium hyaluronate-based sanitisers if needed
- Try to cleaning hands with soap and water. Use sanitisers only when necessary

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DANISH SAIT TO APPEAR AS KARSHAN ROY IN 777 CHARLIE

The TV presenter and comedian plays an important role in the Rakshit Shetty-starrer; director Kiranraj revealed a special poster on the actor's birthday

A Sharadhaa

Making a big buzz these days is Rakshit Shetty-starrer *777 Charlie*. The adventure comedy-drama, directed by Kiranraj, has now gained an interesting element through the revelation of the city's very own Humble Politician Nograj aka Danish Sait playing a role in it. The TV presenter and comedian, who has become an online sensation with his latest 'conversation' series, will be seen in an important role, confirms the director, who also revealed a still featuring him alongside Rakshit Shetty and Charlie on Danish Sait's birthday.

"Danish plays Karshan Roy in our film. He will be part of Dharma's character (played by Rakshit Shetty), for which he has completed the shooting. Details of his character will be revealed later, closer to when we start our film's promotion. However, Danish plays a never-seen-before role," Kiranraj asserts. Meanwhile, Danish is equally glad to be part of *777 Charlie*. "I owe my career in films to Rakshit Shetty. If he hadn't produced my first film, *Humble Politician Nograj* wouldn't have happened. I had to do this for him. He is my brother and I can never say no to him. I am glad I got *777 Charlie*," says Danish, who has already been presented a watch, which he calls a pre-birthday gift.

The actor also spent a little time with Charlie while shooting his parts. "Charlie is like a dictator -- he's got six lookalikes and I don't know which Charlie I met and had scenes with," he chuckles. The movie is presented by Pushkar Films and jointly produced by Rakshit Shetty and GS Gupta under the banner of Paramvah Studios. They aim to make a pan-India presence with the film releasing in five languages -- Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi. The film also features Raj B Shetty and Sangeetha Sringeri. Music has been composed by Nobin Paul and cinematography is by Aravind Kashyap.

A still from *777 Charlie*

Even I have been a victim of nepotism: Saif Ali Khan

Express Features

Saif Ali Khan is one of a few Bollywood actors who have managed to etch their name across mediums while also offering variety in performance. Just this year, two of his theatrical releases, romantic comedy Jawaani Jaaneman and period drama *Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior*, saw him in contrasting roles and were both widely acclaimed. The actor held a conversation with senior journalist **Kaveree Bamzai** in a chat arranged as part of Indulge Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by **The New Indian Express group**, and sponsored by SRM University. He opened up about a variety of topics, including spending quality family time. "One of the most special things of this lockdown for me has been spending quality time with Taimur," he began, before going on to discuss his experience of working with the late Sushant Singh Rajput in *Dil Bechara* that's coming out on July 24 on Disney+ Hotstar. "He was a talented actor and a good-looking guy. I thought he had a bright future. He was polite to me and appreciated my guest appearance in the film. He wanted to talk about many topics like astronomy and philosophy. I got the feeling he was brighter than I was."

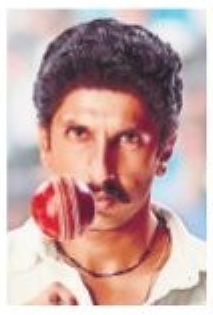
Reacting to the nepotism row and Kangana Ranaut's scathing remarks, he said, "I have no idea what Kangana was saying on Koffee with Karan because I don't think like that. As far as Karan is concerned, he has made himself a large symbol and it seems like he's attracting a lot of flak for it. The truth is always complicated. There's much more to it but people aren't interested in that. I hope the tide is over and better things shine through." He hoped to see a wave of good change involving more dialogue, arguments and demonstration. "There is inequality in India that needs to be explored. Nepotism, favoritism and camps are different subjects. Even I have been a victim of nepotism but nobody speaks of that. I'm happy to see more people from film institutes come to the forefront."

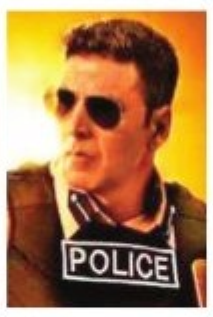
The star has come a long way from making his OTT debut with Sacred Games that brought him global recognition. "I knew *Narcos* on Netflix had a global audience and when they came to India and said they wanted to do this, I was sold. I enjoyed playing the Sardar and wearing the turban." However, Saif didn't seem sure about another season of *Sacred Games* happening, but said he'd love to do it, if offered a chance.

Going on to discuss his hopes for his career, he said, "I would like to do a saga on Mughals, East India Company or some similar topic that is not full of cliches. A new perspective towards Mahabharata or similar seminal work would be exciting too. It's time we told our version of history as Indians."

TIME PASS
CHILL. CHERISH. CELEBRATE
Saif Ali Khan

Release dates of *Sooryavanshi* and *'83* announced





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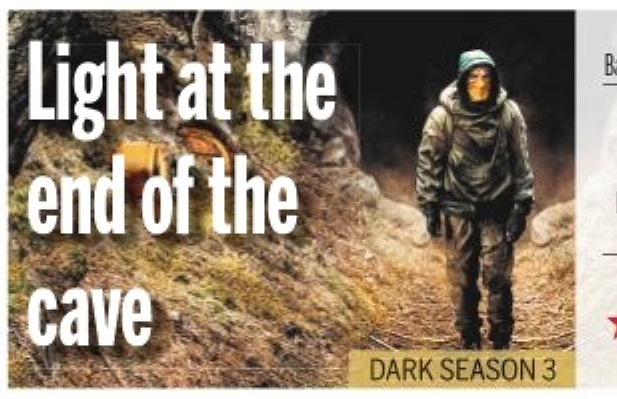
Release dates of two of Bollywood's most anticipated films this year, the Akshay Kumar-starrer *Sooryavanshi* and *83* starring Ranveer Singh, have been confirmed. After being delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sooryavanshi will release on Diwali while *83* has been scheduled for Christmas this year. The announcements come at a time when a slew of films - including big-ticket releases like the *Laxmmi Bomb*, *Bhuj*, and *Sadak 2* - committed for digital release on Monday.

Light at the end of the cave



Creator:
Baran bo Odar, Jantje Friese
Cast:
Louis Hofmann, Lisa Vicari ,Andreas Pietschmann, Dietrich Hollinderbäumer
RATING
★★★★★
3.5/5

Kirubhakar Purushothaman

Friedrich Nietzche's philosophy has become the playing ground for many creators. From True Detective to Russian Doll to The Fall, numerous series have employed his often misunderstood ideas. Dark, which has come to a wonderful end with the third and final season, is the latest series to use the philosopher's concept of 'eternal recurrence'. It is thoroughly understandable if a viewer gets annoyed by the repeated use of the dialogue: End is the beginning. Beginning is the end.

Dark, set in a small German town Winden, is about a series of missing children and supernatural occurrences that change the lives of a few families. When an 11-year-old boy Mikkel (Daan Lennard Liebrenz) disappears near an ancient cave in 2019, residents of Winden fear that the events are similar to what happened 33 years ago. With every episode, the number of missing people increases and so do the timelines and the characters. After a point, watching Dark becomes a task, but a pleasurable one. The joy stems from figuring out the labyrinth that the writers have carefully constructed (sometimes contrived) and being in awe of it.

The second season concluded with events that seemed irrevocable for Jonas (Louis Hofmann) and Martha (Lisa Vicari), but our protagonists get saved by a deus ex machina that brings a whole new reality to the Dark universe. Superficially, it might seem like the writers took a convenient way out of this self-made puzzle. However, a careful examination reveals that the series was inching towards such a new reality all along. There were clues.

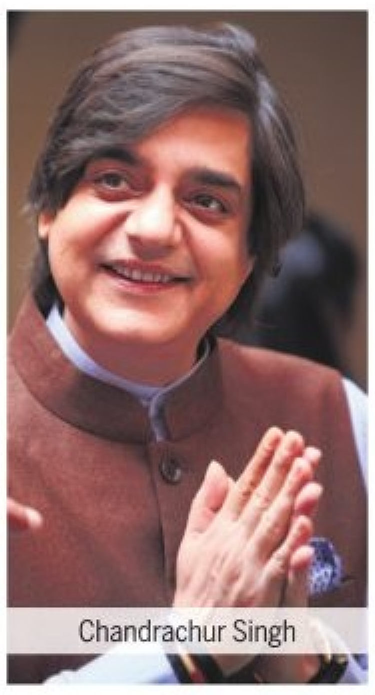
The interesting aspect of this Netflix Original is that despite having many recurring events, scenes, varying timelines, parallel worlds, and different realities, Dark is not redundant (it does come close at times). It is because of the clever writing. For example, a significant portion of the final season is a deja vu of the first, yet the writers have come up with creative ways to simultaneously portray the differences and similarities of the worlds of Adam and Eva. It is interesting to see how Hannah (Maja Schone) remains the same in the 'Jonas-less world' even after acquiring what she covets.

I also loved the creators' intent to make this complex mess as lucid as possible with enough visual cues. In a way, you get habituated to the editing patterns and color tones of the different timelines to an extent that intertitles and datelines become unnecessary. But the sound design, composer Ben Frost's original background score, and the amazing soundtrack choices surpass every other aspect of the series.

However, the show is not without its flaws. *Dark* turns out to be a tad bit predictable towards the end and the organic flow that was found in the first season is evidently missing in season 3. Also, with dead characters coming back alive more often than not, nothing is at stake in the Dark universe. Even the death of a major character doesn't invoke a sense of shock as we very much expect that he/she will come back. But if you can put up with such shortcomings and the series' occasional self-indulgence, you will be rewarded with a consistently-engaging sci-fi thriller that is high on emotions.

'I was drawn to the strength of *Aarya*'

... says director Ram Madhvani, who along with the team of the Sushmita Sen starring show, talk about its myriad arcs and subplots


Chandrachur Singh

Ram Madhvani's

Shilajit Mitra

When disaster strikes, a desperate housewife takes charge of an increasingly perilous world. In director Ram Madhvani's maiden web-series, Sushmita Sen plays the titular *Aarya*, a mother and successor to a narcotics empire in Rajasthan. The nine-part series — adapted from the Dutch drama Penoza — is streaming on Disney+ Hotstar. The show has been praised for an impactful comeback by Sushmita and its array of intriguing characters. It treads the crime thriller path, with missing drug loots, unexpected shootouts, twists, and double-crosses. The core emotions, however, are centred on themes of parenthood, loss, familial conflict, and child psychology.

Ram says he wanted to steer clear of a whiz-bang crime show. "Just like Neerja (2017) wasn't a hijack movie but a mother-daughter story, Aarya is all about the characters and their relationships. I was particularly drawn to the strength of Aarya, not just because she's a woman but because of the innate human strength she possesses."

For the show, Ram devised what he calls a '360 degree' shooting style. The format entails freeing actors of shot and angle restrictions and focusing heavily on prep and workshops. "There were no rehearsals. The actors had to be the characters and arrive at a moment of truth," the director says, rejecting the 'industrial process of filmmaking' that handcuffs actors into rigidity. "I don't do that. I shoot with two-three cameras and allow my actors to use the space freely, not worrying about focus and marks."

Besides Sushmita, Chandrachur Singh made his comeback as Tej Sareen in *Aarya*. The actor had broken out with his debut in Gulzar's Maachis (1996). It was followed by a string of memorable roles in *Tere Mere Sapne*, *Daag: The Fire*, *Josh*, and *Kya Kehna*. He appeared in films intermittently through the 2000s, eventually fading out from the mainstream for supporting turns in *Zila Ghaziabad*, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, and *Aa Gaya Hero*.

"I went through a phase of disillusionment and also had my personal responsibilities to take care of," Chandrachur says. "However, what kept me going was the love and interest of the audience. A lot of my films like Josh and Kya Kehna became hits on television, so people remembered me despite the years of absence." Chandrachur credits serendipity for Aarya falling into place. "I was flying to Mumbai from Dehradun when I met two air-hostesses. They wanted a picture with me but it wasn't allowed. So they asked for autographs and one of them was named Sushmita Sen. At the time, I didn't know Sushmita was in the show. It was a beautiful coincidence and felt just right."

Namit Das essays Chandrachur's best friend Jawahar in the show. After Tej is gunned down, he teams up with Aarya to track down her husband's shooters as well as run the family trade. In dark shades and a stache, the character is a shift from Namit's usually upbeat turns. The actor envisioned Jawahar as a mix of ineptitude and unreliability. "We dropped the mafia clichés of speaking in a heavy voice or a sharp look in the eyes," Namit shares. "Jawahar is an outsider. He's not a part of the family, because of which he ends up in situations that become the biggest arc after Aarya's. He's involved in multiple sub-plots, and his transformation is the most unique one in the show."

While Namit straddles a grey line, the show's candidly flamboyant villain is played by Manish Chaudhari. Manish is known for playing suave authority figures in Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year, Bombay Velvet, and Batla House. Here, he appears as Shekawat, a rival gangster looking for his consignment. Along the way, he forges a dangerous, sexually-tense alliance with Aarya, leading to dramatic results. For Manish, it was important to blend Shekawat's viciousness with his cool exterior. "Ram wanted the character to be sophisticated yet rustic at the same time," Manish shares. "If you notice, Shekawat is never still. He's constantly talking or cheering his horses or smoking a cigar. Even if he's in the car, he's busy with his cigar-cutters. A lot of dramatic dialogue is underlined with gestures and physical action, which makes the character more menacing."

Another sub-plot revolves around Aarya's teenage daughter Aaru (Virti Vaghani). Reeling from her father's loss, she develops a closeness with Bob (Alexx O'Nell), her uncle by marriage. Bob is a singer creating fusion music with Sanskrit shlokas. The character cuts close to Alexx, who has acted in several Indian films and shows and recently released his debut single Still On My Mind.

"Bob, like me, is an American who has embraced Indian culture," Alexx notes. "He studies and adapts the Bhagavad Gita into his life and music. It's a quintessentially Indian text that underlines every aspect of people's lives, and to have Ram trust me with something so important was both exhilarating and terrifying."

Alexx had to learn Sanskrit for his Gita recital in the final episode. He calls it the crescendo of the entire first season. "Bob's performance is happening as the world is crumbling down," Alexx says. "It's a result of the clash between his and Aarya's world. It shows the transformative changes that these two characters have gone through."

Sushmita Sen